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# Can we do better?

Andrea Luxton, *president*

SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE READ THE TITLE to this editorial and immediately responded, "Yes, YOU CAN do better!" Others may wonder, "Well, who is the WE in the title?" or "BETTER in what?" Let me clarify by sharing some stories.

Just this week, a student who recently graduated came to see me, bursting with excitement over the way he had seen real and tangible evidence of God's leading. The story was quite incredible and is his to tell—maybe in another edition of FOCUS. But in short, his plans had been overturned on coming to Andrews through no fault of his own or the University. He had experienced Andrews' staff and faculty walking with him through the challenges, encouraging him and ultimately recommending he prayerfully look at a different path. He did, and then everything turned around in a measurable and very unexpectedly positive way. He was so happy, so thankful to Andrews and of course to God. A wonderful testimony.

I hear other experiences, however, and I hear them too often, of individuals who are hurt or disappointed, maybe by this University, maybe by the wider church and maybe by their families. They graduate and are not sure they want to be part of our faith community any longer. Or they graduate full of passion about the church and then hit a different reality in a local congregation or employment, and their fire is extinguished. They might say they have not seen God working in our lives or in their own. They see the challenges in our church and not the opportunities for service. Their excellent degree may lead them into success, even into a life that makes the world a better place. But the faith commitment has gone. Or they keep their faith but remain in a state of disillusionment. We can of course blame them for their decisions; but today I don't want to do that.

So for today, the "we" is all of us: Andrews University, the Adventist church, all those who read this who are active

believers. And the "do better" is about how we represent the power of the gospel in living our lives, from the simple smile of encouragement to the time taken out to walk alongside someone in a difficult time. Sometimes it may be about theology; more often it will be about modeling a compassionate, grace-filled, forgiving, patient, loving God.

Why do I say that right now? I say it because I am saddened at the current reality when people of faith find excuses for public comments that demean or insult others. I am even more saddened when people of faith find it acceptable to do the same themselves—especially when they can hide behind the screen of anonymity and use social media to cast stones and demonize others. I find it challenging when we can treat each other with disrespect, pushing the blame onto others instead of taking personal time to problem solve. And I find it unbelievably disconcerting that when there is so much wrong in the world around us, we spend time beating up on each other.

And no, it is not all like that. If it were, the great experiences would not happen. They do. Often.

But yes, WE can do BETTER. Me, Andrews University, the Church, all of us in representing God's character better. Forgive us, Lord, forgive us.



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**On the cover:**  
Women in a village in Burkina Faso meet with students and faculty from Andrews University.

**Photo credit:** Valerie Pichot (current student)

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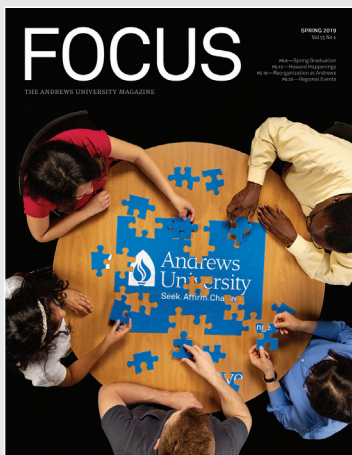
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A local church donates to the Department of Music in appreciation of Andrews' students dedicated service.





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Visit Andrews University's YouTube page to view summer graduation, University Convocation and much more.

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### 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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## Campus Update

# Worship & Music Leadership Certificate

*Inaugural program of the International Center for Worship & Music*



FROM JUNE 23–29, 34 INDIVIDUALS GATHERED on the campus of Andrews University to participate in the Worship & Music Leadership Certificate program under the direction of the Department of Music and the newly formed International Center for Worship & Music.

“We were excited to host the very first certificate that seeks to resource and educate musicians for work within the context of Adventist mission and ministry,” says Adriana Perera, Department of Music chair.

The certificate program is non-accredited and was designed to provide lay leaders, musicians and pastors with Continuing Education Units focused on core competencies including the application of biblical principles to music ministry, the understanding of musical religious practice, and how other disciplines relate to the practice of sacred music.

Each day included worship, general sessions and a variety of workshops. Guest artists and lecturers were theologians, worship leaders, composers and music educators who provided resources related to music theory, vocal technique, various styles of music, conducting and composition.

Participants developed skills in designing musical experiences for worship and utilizing technology in music and worship experiences. They were also given opportunities to demonstrate their competence in music leadership, solo performance or composition.

“I had the opportunity to develop my skills as a choir conductor, singer and

pianist. It was inspiring to meet worship leaders from around the world who share the same passion for Jesus’ message and music ministry,” says Natalia Kosakova, director of music ministry for the Euro-Asian Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

On Sabbath, program participants worshiped together and later traveled to the Westville Correctional Facility to provide a concert for the inmates. One inmate wrote, “What really impressed me about the program was the compassion these people all showed for a bunch of inmates—felons.... These people showed not only compassion but the love of God for every one of us.”

The Worship & Music Leadership Certificate program ended on Saturday evening with a concert and graduation. “We were thrilled to see the creative work of every participant after an intensive week of workshops, lectures and performance sessions,” says Perera. “Our guest artists shared their talent with all of us and created a nurturing environment that inspired several new compositions and arrangements. The quality of the music was outstanding, and we experienced the presence of God’s Spirit among us as we worshiped Him through music.”

Two sessions of the Worship & Music Leadership Certificate program will be held in the 2019–2020 year, one for Andrews students at the Berrien Springs campus and another at a location to be announced.



For more information, call 269-471-3555 or email [worshipcenter@andrews.edu](mailto:worshipcenter@andrews.edu).





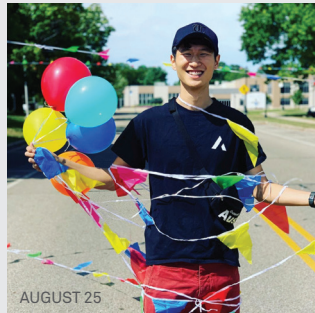
**aurockwall** We are excited to announce that the rock wall opens this Wednesday for the new school year. Don't have equipment? No problem! We got you covered there too!! #ausa #augsa #aucardinal20



**aumeierhall** Ethan Jasper is a Meier Hall RA and truly embodies the ideal Meier man. Ethan happened to be present when the fire started and he immediately jumped into action. Ethan was willing to put the safety of others before his own. #meiermonday #meierman



**adventisthistory** Nethery Hall has served the Andrews University campus since 1943. This is a view from the southwest side. #adventisthistory #thenandnow #netheryhall



**austudentactivities** The flags are going up and the balloons are filled! #welcomebackblockparty #getsocial #allthingsfree #newyear

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### Lake Union Herald

Each day at the "Chosen" Pathfinder Camporee, a dedicated staff produced a 12- to 16-page newspaper chock full of interesting articles and useful information. Andrews University was the sponsor and photographed here (left to right) are the paper's staff: Justin Jeffery, designer; Patricia Marie Spangler, editor; and Hannah Gallant, student writer.



### Aventri Software

Happy National Intern Day! We are so lucky to have smart, bright and eager young adults join our company every summer. These are only a few of our interns this summer. Thank you for all that you do and remember to stay curious! Shout out to Fairfield University Clemson University UConn  
Andrews University



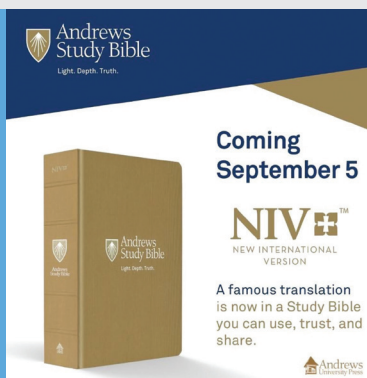
### Andrews University Graduate Student Association

Vespers Thursday Night at University Towers 8pm! AUGSA and University Towers staff are partnering to provide food following the vespers each week! Yes you heard us! Free Food!



### Andrews University Wellness

Andrews University Wellness is grateful to work together with colleagues from LLU, La Sierra and Oakwood University to present the workshop "Motion and Wellbeing" at the Global Conference on Health and Lifestyle!"



### TWITTER

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### AndrewsBible, August 30

The long-awaited NIV will be available on September 5, 2019. Purchase directly from <http://universitypress.andrews.edu>, call 800-467-6369 or your local Adventist Book Center at 800-765-6955.

### DwightKNelson, August 24

Our BreakThrough Sabbath continued beneath a canopy of shade and sunshine in our annual new student welcome dinner @PMChurch. I love meeting new students at our Nelson table each August.



### AdventistReview, July 30

At the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Master of Divinity (MDiv) students don't have their head in the clouds. The Seminary ensures its students keep their "boots on the ground" via practical church and ministry-related work.



### FACEBOOK

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### YOUTUBE



Andrews University (Published on August 29, 2019). Spencer Carter, dean of undergraduate men, gave the Charge and Dedication to Student Leaders during the annual University Convocation.

## Social Media



## International Center for Trauma Education & Care

*Established to provide education and tools to support healing from trauma*

**THE ANDREWS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF Social Work** is pleased to announce the development of a new International Center for Trauma Education & Care. Working in conjunction with several other departments on campus, the Center's purpose is to provide education and tools to support healing from trauma in organizations, churches and communities around the world. "We are excited to expand our social work outreach to support long-term emotional healing and help restore people to God's image," says Curt VanderWaal, chair of the School of Social Work. "It's clear that there is an immense need within the church for this type of ministry."

Trauma is at epidemic levels in many parts of society and the world. Although many think of trauma only in the context of war and Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, it can also be experienced through natural disasters, accidents, illness, divorce, forced immigration, and violence of all kinds. When an individual endures something that he or she perceives as physically or emotionally threatening, the person often experiences overwhelming feelings of stress, fear and vulnerability which continue to plague them long after the end of the event. Individuals and even whole communities can be crippled by previous or ongoing traumatizing circumstances. Long-term effects of trauma can include mental and physical illness such as substance abuse, depression, strokes and heart disease. "The consequences of trauma are often devastating and long-lasting. Children are especially vulnerable to its life-altering effects and interventions are needed to help begin the healing process," says Ingrid Weiss Slikkers, director of the newly-created Center.

The Center's main goal is to help facilitate long-term healing from trauma. For the last few years, faculty, students and alumni from the School of Social Work have been traveling both domestically and abroad to educate communities about trauma resiliency and restoration. These groups have worked with local, state and international educators, ministers, students, refugees,



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orphans, and children and adults of all ages. In addition to providing trainings in churches and schools in the U.S. including to the Navajo Nation, faculty and students have made trauma education trips to Thailand, Puerto Rico, Ethiopia and Cambodia.

"These trips have been life-changing for me," says Katelyn Campbell, an MSW/MDiv student who recently returned from a trip to both Ethiopia and Cambodia. "People are so grateful to receive practical tools for emotional healing—you can see these amazing changes right in front of you!"

Alina Baltazar, director of the MSW Program, adds, "I feel like God has really been able to use us to help begin the emotional healing process for people who have been so traumatized by violence and disasters."

With the formation of the Center this August, even more opportunities for education and healing are emerging including

partnerships with other departments on campus and formalizing a multi-disciplinary crisis team that would be available for immediate response in an emergency. Local schools and churches have made requests for training, and students are becoming involved in hands-on educational experiences by assisting in the planning and delivery of these training sessions. "I've been amazed at how quickly people are able to use the trauma training tools to address really deep issues," says Jasmin Wilson, who has participated in several of the international trips and graduated recently.

In addition to an upcoming trip to Haiti this December, the Center is working to develop trauma training certificates. These culturally-sensitive, research-based and spiritually-informed workshops will allow participants to receive the training needed to offer trauma healing activities in their own communities.

"We hope to begin offering workshops to church leaders or members who attend the General Conference session in Indianapolis next summer," says Weiss Slikkers. "Having a GC Session so close really allows us to reach out to church leaders from around the world."

Other upcoming projects include the creation of a full range of training videos which can be streamed online for personal, congregational or corporate development. Plans are also underway to conduct trauma-based research in order to better understand the needs of the church.

God has been blessing the efforts of the Center even before its official creation. Looking forward, it is clear He already has more blessings in store.



For more information, please contact the School of Social Work at 269-471-6196 or email [traumacare@andrews.edu](mailto:traumacare@andrews.edu).



# Summer 2019 graduation

*Took place in the Howard Performing Arts Center*

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY'S SUMMER GRADUATION took place August 2–4, 2019, celebrating the conferral of degrees to 412 students on the platform of the Howard Performing Arts Center since Pioneer Memorial Church was still under renovation.

Elvin S. Gabriel, professor of educational psychology and counselor education, presented the Consecration address, "Fulfilling God's Plan for Your Life," on Friday, August 2.

On Saturday, August 3, O.M. "Skip" Bell, professor emeritus of church leadership, offered the Baccalaureate address for both the 9 and 11:45 a.m. services. His presentation was titled "In Case You Didn't Get it."

Edwin I. Hernández, president of AdventHealth University, delivered his address, titled "Smoking Angels, a Tow Truck, and Compassion," for both Commencement services on Sunday, August 4. The 8:30 a.m. service was for graduates of the College of Arts & Sciences, College of Education & International Services and Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Graduates

of the College of Health & Human Services and College of Professions were addressed at the 11:30 a.m. service.

During the second Commencement service, Erland Pettman received an honorary Doctor of Science for his extensive contributions to the field of physical therapy and unwavering dedication to his students, colleagues and patients.

"Receiving the honorary DSc was the most special moment of my professional career," Pettman says. "It was made even more special coming from Andrews since this university has been a huge part of my life for over 25 years."

Pettman has worked in the field of physical therapy for more than 40 years and has profoundly impacted Andrews University for over 24 years. National organizations have recognized Pettman for his contribution to the profession with numerous accolades that rank him among the most prestigious lists of recognizable names in the profession of physical therapy.

In 1988, Pettman founded the North American Institute of Manual Therapy (NAIOMT), an internationally recognized and esteemed organization whose aim is to teach and develop advanced manual therapy skills to physical therapists within the United States. Currently he serves as NAIOMT's president, senior faculty member and chief-examiner. In 2003, Andrews University was fortunate to partner with the NAIOMT organization when Pettman agreed to become the clinical director for the Doctor of Science in Physical Therapy program. While unable to be permanently onsite, he has dedicated his presence at Andrews for six to eight weeks each year and has continued to volunteer his time as a mentor to countless Andrews University post-professional students.

Pettman has been married to his wife, Maggie, for 45 years. He has three children and five grandchildren.



## CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT:

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# SCSD receives grant from Parkinson Voice Project

*To offer speech therapy program in the Michiana area*

**PARKINSON VOICE PROJECT**, A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has named the Andrews University School of Communication Sciences & Disorders (SCSD) as a recipient of its 2019 SPEAK OUT!® & LOUD Crowd® Grant Program.

“Up to 90 percent of people with Parkinson’s are at high risk of losing their ability to speak, and aspiration pneumonia

**“Awarding these grants has substantially increased access to qualified speech treatment to those living with Parkinson’s.”**

caused by swallowing issues accounts for 70 percent of the mortality rate in this patient population. Awarding these grants has substantially increased access to quality speech treatment to those living with Parkinson’s,” said Parkinson Voice Project’s founder and chief executive officer, Samantha Elandary, MA, CCC-SLP.

The SCSD clinic is committed to offering Parkinson Voice Project’s speech therapy program in the Michiana area. SPEAK OUT!® consists of individual speech therapy conducted by a speech-language pathologist. Together, the patient and clinician work their way through a series of speech, voice and cognitive exercises outlined in a workbook.

The LOUD Crowd® consists of weekly speech therapy sessions and provides camaraderie, support and encouragement for this patient population battling a progressive, degenerative condition. Participants determined to be appropriate candidates for the SPEAK OUT!® program will participate in 12 intensive voice therapy sessions on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for four consecutive weeks. Upon graduation from the program, participants are encouraged to attend the weekly LOUD Crowd® voice maintenance program. Graduates who participate in The LOUD Crowd® program and are consistently implementing the daily home program will be eligible for participation in the SING OUT® Parkinson’s



© Parkinson Voice Project

chorus which is scheduled to begin this fall.

“The ultimate goal and my hope for this program is that Michiana area people with Parkinson’s will be able to use the intensive speech therapy and resources available to us through the Parkinson Voice Project grant to preserve and maintain their vocal quality and swallowing abilities. I want them to feel confident when speaking and be able to maintain the joy that comes with communicating, socializing and eating,” says Jenica Joseph, MS, CCC-SLP, assistant professor of speech-language pathology.

 To learn more, email [speech@andrews.edu](mailto:speech@andrews.edu) or call 269-471-3468.

## 9th annual Leadership Conference

*Led by Department of Leadership*

**THE NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**, TITLED “Leadership, Organizational Culture & Innovation,” was planned in partnership with Spectrum Health Lakeland and took place in Newbold Auditorium on July 22, 2019. Following the conference, there was a participant roundtable from July 23–25, as well as a banquet to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the leadership program.

Keynote speakers for the event were Jeff Reuschel, global director of Design & Innovation at Haworth, Inc.; Jeremiah Lee, senior consultant, Leadership, Culture & Innovation with Spencer Stuart; and Haijie Ding, senior associate and director of analytics at Spencer Stuart.

Reuschel opened the morning with a presentation emphasizing the importance of utilizing the strengths of a team, saying,

“Innovation is not about hierarchy, it’s about what you’re good at.”

Lee noted how common it is to have gaps between executives and everyone else in the company—in pay and in power. He said, “I was always skeptical because I grew up believing in the power of teams for problem-solving.” He added that in a team environment, there is value in different perspectives but said, “In order to maximize the value of diverse perspectives, you have to have sufficient trust in the environment.”

Ding found value in looking at each person on his team and how their skillsets fit together. He uses an algorithm that he created, Organizational Network Analysis. He said the process is challenging but added, “Learn with each other and enjoy.”

Following an interactive question and

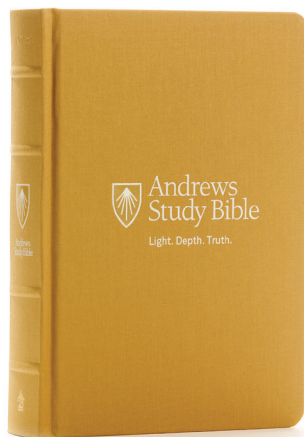


answer session, participants had the opportunity to attend breakout sessions.

“We’re very excited to have hosted our participants, sponsors, partners, campus and community for our 9th annual Leadership Conference,” says Jay Brand, professor of leadership and higher education. “I’m confident that our speakers offered practical ways for leaders to enhance strategy and improve their teams and organizations—especially in regard to innovation.”

 To learn more, visit [andrews.edu/leadership](http://andrews.edu/leadership), email [leader@andrews.edu](mailto:leader@andrews.edu) or call 269-471-6580.





**ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 5, THE ANDREWS** University Press released for sale the long-awaited New International Version (NIV) of the landmark Andrews Study Bible.

"We've been planning on this for many years," Luxton said. "The Andrews Study Bible was first published by Andrews University Press just before the General Conference of 2010 in the New King James Version (NKJV). It's been a huge blessing to the church in its regular retail, evangelism, prison ministry and electronic formats, all in the NKJV. But we also knew right from the beginning that a large segment of the church finds value in a more contemporary English translation."

## Andrews University Press releases NIV

*Contemporary English translation of the Andrews Study Bible now available*

Since publication in 2010, nearly 150,000 copies of the NKJV Andrews Study Bible have been sold. Ronald Knott, director of Andrews University Press, said that in addition to the thousands of study notes, the most important feature of the Bible, generally not found in other study Bibles published by evangelicals, is the linked theme reference system that connects, in a systematic way, many of the key teachings of the Bible.

"This is the core of the value of the Andrews Study Bible," Knott said. "You can trace any of nearly 30 key themes or teachings of the Bible, starting almost anywhere, to get a broad understanding of how the Bible addresses these important topics. That system is supported by a rich theme index in the back, along with other study notes."

The NIV edition of the Andrews Study Bible is the second major product in the University Press's Bible study line, according to Knott. He said a third major product is deep into production right now. The Andrews Bible Commentary, also funded in part by the General Conference, is a concise yet comprehensive passage-by-passage one-volume Bible commentary authored by a team of more than 40 scholars under the general editorship of Angel Rodriguez, former director of the General Conference Biblical Research Institute. The Andrews Bible Commentary is scheduled for release in 2020.

The Andrews Study Bible appearing in the NIV is the first time the same language has the study Bible in two different versions. The resource is also available in Spanish, Portuguese and Romanian.

 To access the complete story about the Andrews Study Bible, visit [andrews.edu/agenda/54072/](https://andrews.edu/agenda/54072/).

## Andrews recognized by Exercise is Medicine®

*For the fourth year in a row*

**ANDREWS UNIVERSITY IS ONE OF ONLY 139** universities and colleges around the world to be honored by Exercise is Medicine® for its efforts to create a culture of wellness on campus. For the fourth year in a row, Andrews has earned gold level designation from the Exercise is Medicine® On Campus (EIM-OC) program.

"We are thrilled to recognize these campuses' commitment to make movement a part of daily campus culture and give students the tools to cultivate physical activity habits that will benefit them throughout their lives," said Robyn Stuhr, vice president of Exercise is Medicine. "These campus programs are nurturing future leaders who will advance a key tenet of Exercise is Medicine: making physical activity assessment and promotion a standard in healthcare."

"I am incredibly grateful to the entire wellness team at Andrews University for supporting the efforts to make physical activity a priority in our institutional setting,"

says Dominique Gummelt, director for University Wellness at Andrews University. "The culture here has been changing to embrace movement as part of our identity during employee and student gatherings and events. In particular, I would like to express my gratitude to the Counseling & Testing Center, whose team has worked diligently to integrate physical activity into their treatment plans, recognizing the power of movement being medicine. We have lots more work to do, but being recognized the fourth year in a row at the gold level is an accomplishment we are very excited to have received!"

Andrews University launched the official wellness campaign in the fall of 2015. Since then, under the leadership of Gummelt, Andrews has been focusing on transforming into the healthiest university, one life and one day at a time. Physical activity has been a particular area of emphasis; lack of physical exercise has become one of the



Judith Fisher, director of the Counseling & Testing Center at Andrews University, accepted the EIM On Campus 2019 Gold Campus recognition certificate on May 29 in Orlando, Florida.

largest epidemics in this country, particularly in the academic setting.

All gold, silver and bronze universities and colleges were officially recognized on May 29 as part of the 2019 Exercise is Medicine World Congress, held in conjunction with the American College of Sports Medicine's Annual Meeting.



## Adventist Conference on Family Research & Practice

*"Families Then and Now: 100 Years of Family Research and Practice" as the theme*

**THE 2019 ADVENTIST CONFERENCE ON Family Research & Practice (ACFRP)** took place July 18–20.

Thursday evening began with the presentation of the inaugural Spalding Medallion for Lifetime Service to John and Millie (posthumous) Youngberg for their exceptional service in the field of family ministry. The Youngbergs began Family Life International in 1975, and it evolved into the current ACFRP. Thursday evening was capped off

**“This year's research and practice workshops were all excellent—it was hard to choose which ones to attend.”**

by a challenging plenary session given by Trevor and Edith Fraser, family life facilitators and leaders, titled “You’ve Come a Long Way Baby: An Overview of the Family.” In this session, they explored the history of families over the past 100 years, particularly from cultural and societal lenses.

In Friday morning’s practical plenary titled “Win, Lose or Draw: Resolving Conflicts in the Home,” the Frasers explored various reasons for family conflicts and provided excellent strategies for processing conflicts in healthy, growth-filled ways. The plenary

was followed by five hours of breakout workshops. NAD Family Ministries co-director Pamela Consuegra commented, “This year’s research and practice workshops were all excellent—it was hard to choose which ones to attend.” Workshop topics included healing trauma in families, secondary analysis of at-risk factors in youth, marital disruption in immigrant Nigerian families, and cohabitation and the church. Workshop participants were challenged by the presentations. As Julius Everett, pastor, commented, “Now it’s time to take this information and make real changes.”

Willie and Elaine Oliver, directors of the Department of Family Ministries for the General Conference, took participants on a journey titled “Adventist Family Ministries: A Retrospect” at Friday vespers.

On Sabbath morning David Sedlacek, professor of discipleship and family life in the Seminary, and his wife, Beverly Sedlacek, facilitated a discussion of the varied meanings of “Sabbath” as it relates to relationships, especially to those who are hurting, in bondage or oppressed. The worship service began with the GC Spalding Medallion award being presented to Claudio and Pamela Consuegra, directors of the Family Ministries Department for the North American Division of Seventh-day

Adventists (NAD). The NAD Family Ministries Distinguished Service Award was presented to Buford and Carmen Griffith for their 30 years of service as Family Ministries directors in the NAD.

The worship service included a message by the Olivers titled “Hope for Today’s Families.” They helped those in attendance think about the struggles of today’s families in churches and presented tools that can be used to bring healing and bridge the gaps that exist in many churches and institutions.

Their afternoon session was titled “Adventist Family Ministries: Who? What? Where?” They engaged the participants in a discussion of the subject of LGBT policy in the church, dividing participants into discussion groups for several minutes and asking them to report on the conversation. This highlighted the varied positions and opinions that exist in the church and the difficulty the church has coming to consensus on challenging topics.

The 2020 Adventist Conference on Family Research & Practice will take place July 23–25. It will feature Ron L. Deal, president of Smart Stepfamilies™ and director of FamilyLife Blended®, a division of FamilyLife, and Elizabeth Viera Talbot, speaker/director for the Jesus 101 Biblical Institute, a media ministry of the NAD.



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** Claudio and Pamela Consuegra (right) presented the NAD Distinguished Service Award for Family Ministry to Buford and Carmen Griffith (left) on Saturday, July 20. ■ Willie and Elaine Oliver, directors of the Department of Family Ministries for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, presented the inaugural Spalding Medallion for Lifetime Service to John and Millie (posthumously) Youngberg. ■ David and Beverly Sedlacek share information about the Adventist Conference on Family Research & Practice (ACFRP) on Thursday evening, July 18, in the Seminary Chapel. ■ Trevor and Edith Fraser delivered their keynote address for the Adventist Conference on Family Research & Practice (ACFRP) on Thursday, July 18. The Frasers have been married for over 48 years and have spent much of their time in ministry as family life facilitators, leaders and presenters.





## Renaissance Kids holds auction

*To benefit "Tiny Houses for Big Change"*

AN AUCTION OF ITEMS CONSTRUCTED DURING THE RENAISSANCE Kids "Compelling Dwellings" architecture camp at Andrews University took place August 4 to benefit "Tiny Houses for Big Change."

Playhouses, doghouses, birdhouses and artwork—all designed and built by kids—were up for auction. A few local artists donated works, and Whirlpool donated appliances. A stainless steel refrigerator, range, dishwasher and microwave as well as a red stand mixer and other small appliances were open to bidders.

Attendees enjoyed refreshments throughout the event and live music provided by Aiden Schnell, who has participated in previous Renaissance Kids architecture camps, his father Bill, and Dennis Waite, professor at Andrews University.

"Tiny Houses for Big Change," a ministry of the Benton Harbor Saint Augustine's Episcopal Church youth group, has raised over \$35,000 to build a tiny house for a person in need—it was hoped that the auction would bring in an additional \$10,000. Harbor Habitat for Humanity is committed to donate land. Other partnering organizations, the Interfaith Action Alliance, area churches and the Andrews University School of Architecture & Interior Design, have also provided support.

Students in the Andrews University architecture program have designed ten tiny house schemes, and the 2020 design/build class is ready to construct the house when funds are available.

"Renaissance Kids goals are to empower kids to believe they can make a positive impact in their communities and to work together to solve problems. We are grateful that so many people and organizations have come together with kids to fulfill an idea that originally came from them," says Mark Moreno, founder/director of Renaissance Kids and associate professor of architecture.

This summer marked the 13th annual Andrews University School of Architecture & Interior Design Renaissance Kids architecture camp. The "Compelling Dwellings" theme provided children and teens ages 5–16, in four different age groups, the opportunity to engage in fun, creative and educational hands-on projects associated with architecture.

## Business Teachers Conference

*11th biennial conference is held at Andrews*

FROM JULY 9–11, 2019, APPROXIMATELY 50 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE 11th Biennial SDA Business Teachers Conference at Andrews. This conference, titled "Innovation in Business Education: The Antidote to Mediocrity," was hosted by the Andrews University School of Business Administration and sponsored by the Kettering Health Network, the Shawnee Mission Medical Center and AMITA Health.

The purpose of the conference was to encourage collaboration in business education in the Seventh-Day Adventist higher education system. It also served as an important way for professors to strengthen their shared sense of mission. Ralph Trecartin, associate provost and dean of the College of Professions, says, "All over the world we seek to help students launch into successful

careers, but career success alone will be failure for us. We seek to instill in our students' core being a strong sense of ethical decision-making and a focus on ministry and service to others."

The conference began with a plenary presentation from Theodore Brown Sr., chair of the Department of Business & Information Systems in the School of Business at Oakwood Uni-



*Kofi Appiah Okyere from Syracuse University*

versity. Following his presentation and lunch, participants were able to choose between a variety of breakout sessions covering topics such as student engagement, assessment of consumer use of food labels, culture and corruption, Enactus and real-client projects, and more. The day ended with a Kettering Health Network Banquet.

Stephanie Sheehan, dean of the School of Business at Southern Adventist University presented the July 10 plenary. After her presentation, attendees traveled to Subaru and Bechtel Innovation Center Purdue where they participated in business tours. These tours were sponsored by AMITA Health.

Kofi Appiah Okyere's gave the plenary presentation on July 11. Okyere is the director of graduate accounting programs at the Martin J. Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University. This was followed by breakout sessions covering topics ranging from interdisciplinary consulting projects to biblical foundations in business pedagogy to the impact of executive servant leadership on organizational citizenship and cynicism. The evening ended with a Shawnee Mission Banquet and the final plenary presentation from James E. Thompson, associate vice president for innovation at the University of Notre Dame.

"We came away from the conference with stronger friendships from around the world and with a sense of unity in our joint endeavors," says Trecartin.

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# North Jr. and Kijai given top recognition

*Presented with the J.N. Andrews Medallion during summer 2019 Commencements*

**TWO FACULTY MEMBERS WERE RECOGNIZED** with the prestigious J.N. Andrews Medallion at the first Commencement service on Sunday, August 4.

The first recipient was Professor Emeritus **James J. North Jr.** who was recognized for his dedicated service and commitment to chaplaincy and teaching.

North graduated with an AB in theology from Atlantic Union College in 1960 and an MDiv and DMin from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in 1963 and 1989 respectively. North also received chaplaincy training from the U.S. Air Force Chaplain School at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

In 1966, North became a chaplain for the U.S. Air Force. He retired 20 years later with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

North began his career at Andrews University in 1986 as a chaplain for Adventist Information Ministries (AIM). He soon became an assistant professor of religion for the Department of Religion & Biblical Languages and an associate professor of pastoral care and chaplaincy for the Department of Christian Ministry at the Seminary. When not teaching, North held several other positions including those of advisor for various clubs and forums, chair and member of numerous committees, director for the Seminary Chorus and the Seminary Chaplaincy Program, University ombudsperson and a Seminary Student Life representative. He has been a faculty for over 25 years and has lived in the

Andrews community for the past 33 years.

Since his retirement, North has taught several courses for the Seminary as a contract professor. He also served as a mentor to professors of chaplaincy and still periodically assists during Tuesday chapels by playing the organ.

In his spare time, North composes musical pieces. He loves to spend time in nature, engaged in photography. North is married to Audrey and has three daughters and one son.

North says, “I was tremendously surprised, deeply moved and honored, and greatly appreciative. I also appreciate the assent of all who were involved.”

**Jimmy Kijai**, professor of research and statistical methodology in the Department of Graduate Psychology & Counseling, was also presented with the medallion at the 8:30 a.m. service. He was recognized for his dedication to research and education.

Kijai earned his BA in physics from Spicer College in 1976. He went on to receive a Master of Education in educational research in 1983 and a PhD in educational research in 1987 from the University of South Carolina.

Early in his career, Kijai served as a coordinator of Research & Evaluation at the University of South Carolina. He then worked as a consultant for New Buffalo Schools and the Berrien County Intermediate School District. Kijai began his career at Andrews University in 1991, first as an associate professor and then a professor of

research and statistical methodology. From 1995–2005, he was also an instructor in the joint Andrews University–Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Master of Science in Administration (International Development) program.

Kijai has published articles in journals, contributed chapters to books and presented research at numerous places in the U.S. and Asia. Additionally, he has served as a methodologist on over 30 dissertation committees and holds several professional memberships.

For the past 25 years, Kijai has been a life-changing mentor to Andrews University students, faculty and colleagues, particularly those serving at Southeast Asia Adventist colleges/universities. He was instrumental in the birth of the Southeast Asia Adventist Research Conference, where he supported the research endeavours of faculty and students from Adventist universities, including those in the Philippines, Thailand and Indonesia.

“I was pleasantly surprised to be honored with the J.N. Andrews Medallion,” commented Kijai. “Thank you, Andrews University family, for the recognition. I am truly blessed working with a community of scholars.”

Kijai is married to Lucia and they have three grown sons—John, Jason and Jay. Kijai loves the outdoors and is an avid golfer. He is also known to try his hand at badminton and tennis. In his spare time he loves traveling and photography.



**FAR LEFT:** Jimmy Kijai, professor of research and statistical methodology, receives the J.N. Andrews Medallion for his dedication to research and education.

**LEFT:** James J. North Jr., emeritus professor of pastoral care and chaplaincy, receives the J.N. Andrews Medallion for his dedicated service and commitment to chaplaincy and teaching.

## Committed to student success

*Carletta Witzel and Kris Knutson retire from the Student Success Center*

**"I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW PEOPLE DID THIS,"** says **Carletta Witzel** of her work in the Student Success Center. "When I was younger, I studied music as an undergraduate here at Andrews just because I was interested in it. Later I did a master's degree in reading education."

As part of her graduate work, Carletta taught reading courses in the School of Education. She was later hired to teach the same courses, then added tutoring, then some advising for the College of Technology. "Finally, in 2007, I graduated into Student Success," she says. "My position has changed over time. I've been the student intervention coordinator and the disabilities services coordinator throughout. During a few years I was also the director."



Carletta managed two areas within her role. Under the academic success branch, she worked to equip students with skills for studying, time management, organization and reading. Sometimes she also worked with students who, due to an emergency, missed class for a week or two. Under the disabilities branch, Carletta worked with students to document challenges, identify an adaptation and make accommodations so the student could attend class. "An example could be a student who has a visual impairment. We might enlarge texts or we might get texts in a format where the computer could do it for them," she says.

Carletta emphasizes that her work is

only possible because of collaborations across campus. "The people are absolutely wonderful to work with. People are so generous and so giving and so willing to help. My titles are 'coordinator'—I don't do any of this by myself. I have to ask for help from people all over campus."

She adds, "Even with the challenges of the financial crunch, there is still an overarching, caring concern for students and caring concern for each other. There is an obvious spirituality. It's not always in-your-face spirituality but in attitudes toward people. This is a really wonderful place to work, where you know that people love the Lord and that's why they're serving here."

Carletta has assisted a wide range of students, from those who are not doing well to those who just want to be stronger in some area. In the process, she develops close relationships. "As I've been going through files and getting ready for my successor, I look at student names and remember who the person was, what we worked on

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*Carletta*

together, their success often, and their graduation. I just remember and miss each one. People call them 'my kids.'"

She is proud that during her time in Student Success, a strong tutoring program for students has been developed as well as a strong program for incoming freshmen. Student Success has also strengthened the ability to offer accommodations to students with disabilities.

In retirement, Carletta will stay in the Berrien Springs area. She has three adult children who are within an hour, and she has a hobby farm to play on. "I hope I manage to control my activities so that I'm not actually busier than when I'm

working," she says. "I have a whole list of potential volunteer opportunities. I plan to pick out two or three of them to focus on."

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**KRISTINE (KRIS) KNUTSON NEVER REALLY** intended to end up in the career she did either. "I never set out to work in education," says Kris. "It just kind of fell into my lap."

At Andrews, Kris started as the administrative assistant for the Department of Chemistry for 10 years, then transitioned in 2004 to the Student Success Center. A year later she became the undergraduate advising coordinator, then in 2010 she became the director of Student Success. Six years ago she took on the additional assignment of monitoring academic probation. This January she stepped down as director, serving as the associate director so she could help transition Student Success to new leadership.

Kris found the ability to complete degrees while working to be a huge benefit. As an adult undergraduate student, she completed her degree in French in 2001. In 2008 she completed a master's in educational psychology. "It's been a good education path for me," she says. "But it was interesting to be the oldest person in a freshman general education class."

Overall, she has been most impacted by her interactions with students. She has worked with students to change majors and change advisors and was often the office's first point of contact for new and incoming students. "I would work at First Stop and usher students onto campus. Bookending that, for a number of years I

**"I'm very much trying to be the encourager, see where the students' strengths are, find transferable skills that can be applied to where a student might not be doing so well."** *Kris*





helped with graduation. I would see students I had helped or worked with. I was there at the beginning when they were assigned their advisor and then seeing

them march down the aisle for graduation, having gone through the cycle...it was really special."

In her one-on-one work with students who are on academic probation, she always helped students look for the positive. "I'm very much trying to be the encourager, see where the students' strengths are, find transferable skills that can be applied to where a student might not be doing so well." She continues, "My master's prepared me for this piece. When you look at a student's record on paper, you're only getting one piece of what went wrong. It's very tough to see what they have gone through and find how we can be of support moving forward."

She has also appreciated the team she has worked with, some for 12 years or

more. "It's been a longstanding team, and that has a really good feeling to it. You don't dread going to work and that's been a beautiful thing."

In retirement, Kris plans to camp, hike, read, visit family and reactivate some of her hobbies. She looks forward to taking it easy, but she will miss her work team and the changeability of the job. "You come to work with an idea of what you're going to get done that day, but that can change at any given time. A student might pop by to say hello and they're doing better or they might be in crisis. That has never thrown me. Dealing with real people your day will take a twist...they're not bothering me, they're my job. All of our staff, that is their mission. At the end of the day, that's where you were supposed to be."

## God as priority

*Jacquelyn Warwick retires after serving at Andrews for 21 years*

JACQUELYN WARWICK WAS FIRST HIRED as an associate professor and eventually earned the rank of professor of marketing in the School of Business Administration. Jacquelyn also holds the position of endowed chair for marketing.

**"Anything you give to the students, faculty and staff—if it's Christ-centered, it's going to come out all right."**

In 1971, Jacquelyn was attending a community college and worked in retail. She loved the field and continued on that path for about eight years, becoming the manager of a small store. She says, "I knew the owner wasn't doing things right—just knew—so I wanted to go back to school and get a business degree. I took my first marketing class and then knew I wanted to get into marketing. I finished school and went into teaching."

Jacquelyn was teaching at a university on the west coast when she saw a job opening at Andrews listed in the church union's magazine. "I thought the Lord had opened the door for me to come here rather

than stay where I was." While it was a struggle to finalize the decision to come to Andrews, she knew God was guiding.

Jacquelyn has found Andrews to be a friendly place, where you can walk down the sidewalk and people say hello. "It's a really friendly atmosphere, and it's nice to work here. Everybody appreciates you."

She has greatly appreciated the fellowship and camaraderie of professors and staff and loves that God is priority. "It's nice that everybody is kind of on the same page with that. Christ comes before everything. Anything you give to the students, faculty and staff—if it's Christ-centered, it's going to come out all right."

Jacquelyn has enjoyed working with all students, but she has been most impacted by those who are struggling. "You know they have so much potential," she says. "There is always one student you're having a conversation with about how much potential they have. The student realizes, 'Somebody believes in me.' A lot of times they haven't had that before. You just tell them, 'You have so much potential. Focus on your studies and recognize you can go wherever you want to go.' It's really rewarding when students come back and say thank you for that."



She adds, "It's really wonderful, too, to have students who come in and ask if I will pray with them. They know I will."

In retirement, Jacquelyn will be living in Washington state near her grandchildren and other family. Her biggest plans, however, are related to travel. She has been to 24 different countries and now wants to travel the U.S. She has a national park passport and wants to visit all the national parks.

Jacquelyn recently took a trip to Israel on a study tour with students. "I was rebaptized in the Jordan River. I've started a new trek in my career right now and I just wanted to give my life to the Lord. I know I don't have to worry about anything because God is going to take care of me."

## Following God's leading

*Larry Schalk retires for a second time after over 12 years of service to Andrews*

**LAWRENCE (LARRY) SCHALK IS RETIRING** as senior vice president for Financial Administration after 12 years and five months of service to Andrews University.

Larry holds a BS in accounting and an MBA from Andrews and is a Certified Public Accountant. He worked for much of his career as chief financial officer at

**“I’m here to be a problem solver, not a problem creator.”**

healthcare institutions, including Hinsdale Hospital in Hinsdale, Illinois; Harding Hospital in Worthington, Ohio; and Florida Hospital Fish Memorial, part of the Advent Health System. During this time he also worked as an adjunct professor at Andrews and was a member of the Andrews Board and President’s Council.

After 18 months of retirement, Larry accepted the position of vice president for Financial Administration at Andrews in March 2007—he intended to serve two years.

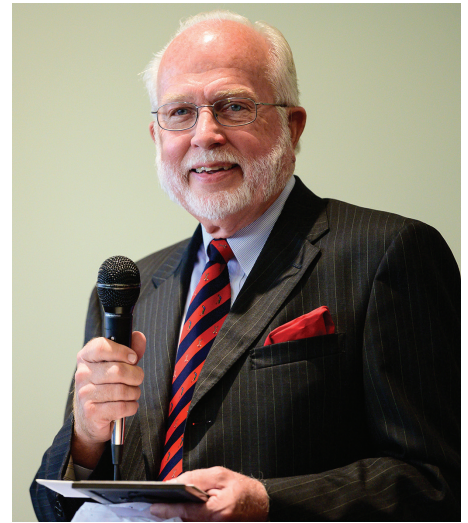
In his role, Larry developed financial processes, such as the capital expenditure process, and solidified financial goals for the University. After two years at Andrews, Larry was pleased to receive no comments

on the results of financial audits—an accomplishment that has been sustained over the last 10 years. He was also instrumental in setting up the financial structure that made several significant remodeling projects possible, including Buller Hall, Damazo Hall and the Andreason Center for Wellness. “I’m here to be a problem solver, not a problem creator,” he says. “Most people would say that I don’t get angry, and I don’t get passionate. I sort of bring a measured, level process to a discussion and focus on the real issues.”

Larry supervised a team of directors and staff, as well. He says, “One of the blessings is that the people who report to me and I’m responsible for have been good people. That makes the job enjoyable, less stressful.”

Larry is known for the spiritual leadership he brings to his work, taking time to pray with the committees he chairs and the employees who report to him. At his retirement celebration on campus, Larry made sure he emphasized the importance of commitment to God and how God has led in his life as well as in the lives of his family. He said, “Don’t give up on God because He won’t give up on you.”

He is also known for his intentionality in serving the local community. He teaches



Sabbath School at PMC, has volunteered for numerous service projects, has been elected treasurer of Oronoko Township, has served and is serving on the Planning Commission of Oronoko Township, and was elected president of his homeowner’s association. “I think it is worthwhile,” he notes, “if a University executive is part of a governmental process.”

Larry will miss being part of the leadership team of Andrews University and the opportunities that brought to direct the organization. In retirement, though, he will continue to interact with Andrews University and Andrews Academy. He looks forward to half-time employment, spending time with family, working in the yard and garden, golf outings and traveling.

## Paul Hamel turns 100

*Celebrating a century of service in style*

**HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE CAME TO CELEBRATE** with Paul Hamel at the Howard Performing Arts Center on August 7, 2019, the eve of his 100th birthday.

Paul Hamel, emeritus professor of music, has been an active member of the University community since 1947, pursuing excellence as a music professor, administrator, author, scholar, entrepreneur, alumnus, philanthropist, church member, family man and World War II veteran, having served in the U.S. Army.

His four surviving sons—Gary, Carl, Loren and Lowell—helped put the party together. Attendees greeted the guest of honor while enjoying delicious refreshments in the lobby. The program included a welcome from Gary Hamel and recollections from twin sons Loren and Lowell Hamel, interspersed with a video created by Matt and Michelle Hamel of Visionary Multimedia as a tribute to their grandfather. The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass band also entertained the crowd with many musical tributes. The evening ended with a march led by the band to the lawn where everyone enjoyed a fireworks demonstration.

Hamel reflected, “I thought perhaps no



one would come, but it was wonderful to have so many people come to acknowledge my birthday. I really appreciated it.”



# The perfect job

*Bill Keith retires after years of service in sales at Andrews*

**WILLIAM (BILL) KEITH HAS WORKED FOR Andrews at two points in his career. First, he was employed at University Printers as a salesperson for about a year and a half. Then, just over 15 years ago, when he was in the local area and looking for a job, he stopped to visit Rod Church at LithoTech. Rod offered Bill a part-time job in sales, where Bill served until 2004 when he went full-time as an accounts/sales manager.**

**“God surprises me almost every day with something awesome that He does in my life.”**

Prior to his time as staff, Bill studied industrial education at Andrews, graduating in 1965. Eventually he was hired by someone who needed an employee to do repairs and work sales.

He says, “I knew how to do repairs. The boss told me, ‘You do the repairs and I’ll teach you how to sell.’” From then on, he was hooked on sales. Ever since, Bill’s jobs

have always involved a large element of customer service and a clientele to maintain. His sales experience has ranged from industrial sales to covering a sales territory of six states to selling truck tires, forklift parts and life insurance.

At Andrews, Bill has appreciated the freedom to essentially operate like a business within a business. He acquired his own clients and handled the related customer service and estimates. His work paid off, as he developed a large clientele outside of the University that has at times accounted for approximately one-third of LithoTech’s work.

“It was very rewarding,” he says. “I got to meet a lot of people, some of whom I’ve never met in person. When you really enjoy your work and you help someone else out, it takes on more than just a client and salesman relationship. I’ve had many people who I’ve really come to like and appreciate and to be blessed by their friendship.”

Bill has seen God at work throughout his career and notes that he has come to a deeper, richer understanding of who God



is. “I ask the Lord every day what He has in store for me. God surprises me almost every day with something awesome that He does in my life. He’s given me a place to work like this, and through that process I’ve met and talked with and shared with a lot of people. My office became a place where you could have prayer—a place where I could share and encourage. God put me in a perfect place for a perfect job.”

Bill initially planned to retire on October 1 but was able to retire early, a blessing in disguise. He will remain in the local area near his daughter and care for his parents but will always be thankful for his time at Andrews. He says, “Andrews University gave me the chance to be the person God intended me to be.”

## LaBianca spends 4.5 months in Jerusalem

*Serves at the W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research*

**ØYSTEIN LABIANCA, PROFESSOR OF AN-**thropology and associate director of the Institute of Archaeology at Andrews University, recently spent four and a half months in Jerusalem for an annual professor fellowship at the W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research.

During his stay, Øystein completed work on two books. “Levantine Entanglement: Local Dynamics of Globalization in a Contested Region” is the lead publication resulting from a research collaboration at the Center for Advanced Study in Norway. It describes the geographical region known as the Levant as a way to study the culture, history and religions of the Eastern Mediterranean. The second book, “The

Levantine Nexus: The View from Hisban,” summarizes four decades of research developing methods and theories for studying the long-term in the Southern Levant.

While at the Albright Institute, Øystein also co-presented a workshop with Terje Stordalen, professor of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament studies at the University of Oslo, Norway, and OBEL Social Science visiting professor, University of Aalborg, Denmark.

In addition to the academic activities, the Albright Institute organized cultural activities for its visiting fellows, including a hike up the Mount of Olives and a 10-day tour of Egypt. Øystein and his wife, Asta, enjoyed exploring the local area on their own, too, taking a tour of the Temple

Mount area and visiting Bethlehem, Hebron and the south of Israel.

The LaBiancas also traveled to Florence, Italy, where Øystein was one of the keynote speakers for the opening session of the International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan. The opening session took place at the Hall of the Five Hundred in the City Hall of Florence, and Øystein shared the stage with Prince Hassan of Jordan, the mayor of Florence, the Italian ambassador to Jordan, and the director of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan.

Øystein says, “Our stay at the Albright was an unforgettable experience. The fellowship with staff and various senior and junior scholars also in-residence at the Institute was enriching both on a professional level and personally.”

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# Empowering Daily Success

*by Hannah Gallant*

IN FALL SEMESTER 2018, A GROUP OF eight students in the Business Systems Analysis & Design (INFS318) course taught by Armand Poblete, instructor of information systems, designed a financial app for cell phones as their semester-long project. Romain Kenfack, country director for the Burkina Faso office of Tanager International, had contacted Kim Pichot, the Andrews Enactus faculty sponsor, and suggested they collaborate to develop an app that he envisioned.

Armand says, “When Kim asked me if we’d like to create an app for Tanager, I thought a humanitarian project seemed like a great new challenge that offered us an opportunity to explore the not-for-profit world.”

The INFS318 students and a student developer from the Junior IT program, Daniel Arn, worked alongside the Andrews University chapter of Enactus, an international organization that brings together student, academic and





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business leaders in community projects, and Tanager, international nonprofit and ACIDI/VOCA affiliate, to create a simplified budgeting app for the approximately 30,000 women participating in Tanager’s SELEVER program.

The SELEVER program is a five-year program designed to improve the nutritional status of women and children in rural Burkina Faso by strengthening women’s economic empowerment through increased poultry production. In fact, SELEVER itself is a long French acronym meaning “to raise up.” Shannon Huang, one of the students in the INFS318 class and Enactus’ new project lead for the support and future maintenance of the app, explains how this meaning describes the goal of the project: “to raise the people up to be known and know themselves and to be self-sufficient.”

While there is a significant market for local poultry in Burkina Faso, many smallholder poultry farms are not equipped to respond to the rising demand. The country also struggles with high malnutrition and frequent illness among children, while women, the primary caregivers, are constrained by social and economic norms that limit their access to resources and income opportunities. This app is just one of the ways that SELEVER hopes to facilitate change in the poultry sector—by helping female poultry producers access key services.

Also due to social and economic norms, most of the women who would use this app are unable to read. For the INFS318 students, developing an app for these women who could neither read nor write became one of the greatest challenges. “The creation of an app with audio and visual cues for illiterate women has added an additional challenge, yet the reward of

seeing how the women benefit makes our time well worth it,” says Armand.

Throughout the semester the eight students worked on the app’s specifications, cost/benefit analysis, user interface design and behavior. The entire project took a little over three months to complete with approximately two months devoted to specifications gathering, designing and testing/implementation strategies and six weeks to development.

Despite the challenges this project presented, it taught the students many things including how tech-based projects are started, defined, assessed, designed, managed, tested and implemented. In addition to the coursework, students also learned how to interface with clients, developers, designers and stakeholders—all of whom are key to the successful completion of any project.

“I think the best teacher is experience, and this project opened their eyes to a real, complex field of implementing new technology, working closely with clients and working within the policies as defined by our stakeholders,” Armand explains. “A project like this breathes life into a Systems Analysis & Design textbook. The students are not limited to just the concepts, theories and models, but they learn how to apply all this material into a living, breathing project.”

During spring break in March 2019, three of the students from INFS318, including Raymond Kashigaki, Shannon Huang and Sarah Watson, traveled to Burkina Faso to survey potential users about the app. There were eight people who went on the trip overall: Raymond Kashigaki; Kim Pichot, associate professor of marketing and Enactus sponsor; Alain Pichot; Valerie Pichot; Shannon Huang; Sarah Watson; and Armand and Smruti Poblete.

The Andrews team spent their first day in Burkina Faso at Ouagadougou. They had the chance to visit a bronze crafter who used honey wax to create sculptures. After creating them with the wax, the crafter would cover them in termite mound clay. Once the clay was dried the wax would be melted off, and the clay was used as a mold to pour the bronze into. Even though these molds could only be used once, it was a very unique process to watch.

Throughout the trip, the team used Ouagadougou as their home base—they also traveled to three villages: Semaga, Tita



The women of Burkina Faso were trained in how to use the app created by the team from Andrews to help them manage their microbusinesses.





The team from Andrews University, left to right: Raymond Kashangaki, Armand Poblete, Alain Pichot, Smruti Poblete, Shannon Huang, Valerie Pichot, Kim Pichot, Sarah Watson

and Vily-Bongo. In Semaga, the team spent an afternoon talking to villagers under the shade of a mango tree. They asked questions about how the villagers lived, budgeted and used their money. Some individuals had phones, but most of them did not.

At one point, the team visited a poultry farmer who had purchased a rooster and a hen two years prior with the help of Tanager. Since then she has doubled the amount of chickens sold each year and anticipates even greater success in the coming year.

While there, the team also had the unique opportunity to be part of an impromptu celebration with the local women. “We joined along and ended up singing all kinds of different songs like ‘Father Abraham.’ It was amazing,” Shannon describes.

Valerie Pichot, documentary film major who is filming the progress of the project, agrees. “The people in the villages were very hospitable and friendly. Whenever we arrived they offered us seats in the shade and a cup of water or juice. They were more than willing to spend a few hours talking with us, even though it meant that they would be behind on their daily activities. When we finished meeting with the villagers in Semaga, the women began to sing for us. We ended up singing a few songs back to them and playing a simpler version of Simon Says. That was my favorite moment of the entire trip because we were finally able to connect with them despite the language barrier.”

“Joy does not need a language,” adds Kim.

In the second village, Vily-Bongo, the

**“We are redefining what it means when we say ‘World Changers Made Here.’”**

team met with more women and invited them to test the app. “These women were curious and bright and eager to learn, and interacting with them has been so rewarding to me. They had a say and they knew what to say,” Shannon notes.

After conversations with the villagers, the team decided it would be best to redevelop the app for tablets rather than cell phones. A tablet could be assigned to an entire group of women, using the group accountability structure that is already built into West African culture and widely used by nonprofits effecting social change. These tablets would be funded by a microcredit loan company, and their employees would collect data from the tablets when they make their regular visits each month to the lending circles. The data would then be uploaded for Tanager and the Andrews team to access. Overall, using tablets proved to be more efficient given the low infrastructure.

In the third village, Tita, there was an existing business system of approximately five different groups who worked with poultry. Because of this, the groups were more closed to dialogue due to competition between the groups. Even so, several women tested the app successfully.

In addition to being engaged with the poultry market, the women in the three villages are frequently active in mini businesses. One woman in Vily-Bongo was growing peppers to make condiments, another made jewelry and another separated out grain to sell.

As a result of this, when they returned from their trip, the Andrews team further developed the app to track various types of expenses, not ones limited to the poultry market. The interface also includes ways to track nutritional/dietary consumption and contains an educational section where SELEVER will be able to share short videos about gender training, nutrition, marketing and finance.

In August, a smaller team of five from Andrews returned to Burkina Faso and introduced the new tablets and app to nine groups of women who owned poultry. The Andrews team trained employees from Tanager and the microcredit loan company, as well, and observed as the field personnel conducted the training in Vily-Bongo.

The discussion among the poultry business owners included the amount paid for chickens, the selling amount, how many chickens were eaten, how many died, and the amount of money made per chicken. Fatimata Boro, a microcredit officer and trainer, states, “During the training, the participants were arguing about price commodities rather than the actual interaction with the app. This was so encouraging to see they were comfortable using the app.”

Overall, the purpose of the app is to empower the women in Burkina Faso in their daily business activities—the hope is for continued work with both SELEVER and the microcredit loan organization to implement this app with 100 groups in December 2019.

“This project has given a number of students, faculty and staff at Andrews University an opportunity to dig deep and give of ourselves, sacrificing our wellbeing and working harder than we thought we could, to create a scalable project that has the potential to impact thousands of women in the developing world,” says Kim. “We are redefining what it means when we say ‘World Changers Made Here.’” ■



A photograph of three female graduates standing outdoors on a paved path. They are all wearing black graduation caps and gowns. The graduate on the left has blonde hair and is wearing black strappy high-heeled sandals. The graduate in the middle has long dark hair and is wearing tan strappy high-heeled sandals. The graduate on the right also has long dark hair and is wearing tan strappy high-heeled sandals. They are all smiling at the camera. The background shows a brick building and some greenery.

by Gillian Panigot

# Confidence Through Community

Brenda Rodriguez, Chelsea Kent and Haley Butler graduated from Andrews University in May 2019. All three completed biology majors, and all three are attending Loma Linda University this fall. But their connection is far deeper than sharing a similar plan of academic study. They also share a unique friendship.

Brenda, Chelsea and Haley grew up in the Silver Spring, Maryland, area. For each of them, church played a crucial role in their lives. They attended Adventist schools where most of the students were also Seventh-day Adventists. There were always Bible classes and chapel, music groups, sports and mission trips, and the ability to participate in Adventurers and Pathfinders. “I really enjoyed having a community of people I could relate to,” says Haley.



Chelsea agrees. “It was a good opportunity to surround ourselves with quality people and those who have the same beliefs as us—it helped to reinforce our own beliefs.”

When it came time to choose a high school, Brenda, Chelsea and Haley all selected Spencerville Adventist Academy. The location was convenient, and the school had just moved into a beautiful, brand new building. Haley and Chelsea met prior to the start of the school year. “Our moms got to talking and decided we would be friends,” says Haley. “So they orchestrated a hang-out session. I showed up to Chelsea’s house and rang the doorbell. We had never met each other.”

Chelsea recalls, “It was so awkward. During those cringy pre-high school days, I usually dressed more formally than necessary but that day I tried really hard to dress like a ‘normal’ kid. Then Haley shows up wearing plaid shorts and a polo.”

The two did become friends, though, and appreciated going into Spencerville knowing someone beforehand.

Eventually, all three young ladies started hanging out because of soccer. They were key players in founding the women’s soccer team at Spencerville. They were also class officers together for two years, connecting not just with each other but with their other classmates, as well. “I still talk to the friends I made,” says Chelsea. “Even now we have a group chat where we talk about what’s happening in our lives.”

Their teachers were instrumental in their academy experience, too. “Spiritually, the chaplain we had at the time, Mrs. Knight, was amazing,” says Chelsea. “‘You are loved and prayed for’ is what she always said, and everyone who wanted to be involved in campus ministries could be. One teacher talked about finance, marriage, family...it wasn’t so much ‘here’s what you should do’ as ‘here are the tools to do what you should do.’ And I valued that so much.”

Soon it was time to consider college. All three were interested in the sciences. Chelsea was under the assumption (that she still maintains is correct) that Andrews had the best pre-med program for her. She visited Andrews for SciFest, her

first exposure to doing labs, and realized there was so much she did not know. She found Andrews offered many resources and strong faculty.

Brenda visited other schools and, just about two days before one of the spring Preview events at Andrews, decided to see if she felt anything at Andrews. She says, “I toured the biology department, and two of the most charismatic professors, Dr. Navia and Dr. Goodwin, gave me the tour. They can convince you. They talked about the research opportunities for students, how many students become published, and about the small class size. All of the professors are so friendly, and I immediately picked up on that. Also, for some reason, when I walked around campus I could just envision myself walking around it with my backpack going to study somewhere. I couldn’t picture that at any other school I had gone to.”

Haley felt the same. “I knew that I was meant to be at Andrews. I got the same tour from Dr. Goodwin but previewed in October. There was such a warm presence at Andrews. I was also thinking about attending the University of Maryland but ultimately decided I wanted the small class size and the warm environment. I did not want to be just another student in a 400-person class.”

Brenda, Chelsea and Haley all ended up at Andrews. On their first day as freshmen, they sat together in class—a practice they continued throughout their college career to the point where they were known to some as “the triplets.” Because all three

were on a biology/pre-med track, they had many classes together, and the classes were tough. “We had to really rally and figure out how on earth we were going to do this,” says Haley. In that sense, their dependence on each other grew.

“We really became a support group for each other,” says Chelsea. “We struggled at the same time. We study really well together so would meet up and test each other. We’ve grown not only in our friendships but in our professional relationships.”

Brenda adds, “We’ve just gone through so many monumental steps together. Last year, in preparation to enter medical school, we had to do this thing called the PRC (Professional Recommendations Committee). You have to write a bunch of essays, gather recommendations from professors and go to seminars. The night be-

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*Chelsea, Brenda and Haley (left to right) share the story of their Andrews experience.*

fore the medical school interview, we went to Haley's room and ironed clothes and practiced. It's an intricate process to go through pre-med, and to go through it all with people from home who are in the same boat is so helpful. It really made a huge impact on our success."

Professors, too, greatly impacted the Andrews journey for Brenda, Chelsea and Haley. Haley recounts spending countless hours in Dr. Mbungu's office, working with Dr. Ahlberg before tests, and figuring out challenging schedules with Dr. Navia as an advisor. "The overwhelming support and confidence the teachers had in us translated into our confidence. If our teachers didn't care, we might have dropped out a long time ago," says Haley.

The excellence of the professors goes even beyond academics. "I could walk into Dr. Mbungu's office and talk, and he would talk as long as we wanted," says Brenda. "Dr. Goodwin will just roam around in the lobby and talk to whoever is there, asking them how they are doing, how they're feeling, how they're holding up. It's so evident that they want us to succeed. Even if you don't do well on a test, they'll work with you to do better. That's not the case at every school—other schools have 300 students who have to talk to TAs. I have friends in other colleges and universities who are just so surprised we could talk directly to our professors."

Brenda, Chelsea and Haley also recall how Dr. Navia opened his home for pre-med club vespers multiple times over the years.

Afterwards, a group of students would stay and talk with Dr. Navia and his wife, and the Navias would bake treats. "Dr. Navia has been an incredible mentor to all of us," says Chelsea. "He convinced each of us at one point or another to continue reaching for our goals when we were at our breaking points. I see him as one of the key reasons why I am in medical school today."

Brenda, Chelsea and Haley found it healthy to balance their academics with activities outside the classroom, too. Brenda has been an ambassador, member and president of the Pre-med Club, secretary and vice president of the Tri Beta Honor Society, president of the Adelante Club, a biology teaching assistant, a researcher in the chemistry department, a Sabbath School teacher at the Spanish church, a tutor for H.E.L.P. in Benton Harbor, and a volunteer at HERBIE Clinic, a free health clinic in the area.

Chelsea has been vice president of Adelante, president of the Pre-med Club, an AUSA senator, secretary of the AUSA Senate, a middle school Sabbath School teacher, a researcher for four years (running crickets on treadmills), and involved in the Least of These ministry and the After the Storm singing group.

Haley has been an Ambassador, a part of the University's orchestra, academic affairs officer for Honors, president of Honors for two years, vice president and president of Tri Beta Honor Society, vice president of the Pre-med Club, a volunteer at HERBIE Clinic, part of a praise team at PMC, a teaching assistant for biostats and a researcher in the cancer lab.

Together, they've also gone camping, hiking and skiing. "I think I've never been closer to a group of friends before," says Haley. "It's nice that we have so much in common."

Brenda, Chelsea and Haley encourage those considering Andrews, especially those on a pre-med track, to create a community for themselves—make friends with classmates, make friends with teachers and be surrounded by those who have similar goals. "You're not in this alone," says Haley. "And if you try to do this alone, you'll

be miserable. Take breaks. Find things to be involved in. Don't be over-involved, but college is a really unique opportunity to be a community."

In choosing a major Chelsea adds, "Make sure you want it and once you do, work like you've never worked before. Then really enjoy your Sabbaths."

All three felt a huge relief at being accepted to Loma Linda. They spent four years of their life working toward a goal, and they succeeded. Haley says, "I was really nervous about being accepted into medical school. We all were. School can sometimes feel so overwhelming and so uncertain. I think that being accepted to Loma Linda and just having that path set was such a weight lifted off my shoulders. I considered not going to Adventist schools, but here I am. I think it's for a reason."

Haley is not sure yet where she wants to focus her medical studies, but she is considering cardiology. Chelsea wants to be an obstetrician. Brenda has not decided her specialty yet either but knows that she wants to work in an area that will benefit the Hispanic community, one reason why she also earned her BA in Spanish.

Brenda says, "I really fought hard to not be a biology major. I didn't declare until sophomore year. I think God placed a lot of these professors in our lives to lead us and mentor us. They've just encouraged us—there were a lot of discouraging moments, there were tests that didn't go well, there were times we just thought 'no way.' But they have been so encouraging. They've shared their life stories with us. I wouldn't have stayed a biology major if I hadn't had these professors. Because I didn't know I could. God really communicates through your peers and your friends and provides support."

"I think just being at Andrews really shaped my worldview, being able to see so many different beliefs," says Chelsea. "We had two classes where basically we were just talking about different beliefs and analyzing the information. That and all of the volunteering we did definitely impacted the type of doctor I want to be. God definitely played a hand in that, guiding the experiences we have had." ■

# Paying It Forward:

## *A Legacy Continues*

by Gillian Panigot



**THE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** in South Bend, Indiana, has a rich history. It was started as the Hungarian Reformed Church by Hungarian immigrants who met together as early as 1903 to form their own church. In 1905 they bought a lot on the corner of Washington and Cherry Street in South Bend, and in 1906 their first church building was dedicated.

Membership grew quickly, through births and baptisms and marriages. The church was the social center of Hungarian life in the area, serving not only as a place of worship but as a place to eat and celebrate together. A photo taken early on, at the church banquet hall in 1929, shows over 800 in attendance.

Eventually, for space and a more convenient location, a different church building was constructed on Portage Road. This grand, English Gothic structure was dedicated on Sunday, November 27, 1955. Its sanctuary held 330 but overflowed to 500 that day, with every pew filled and every extra chair in the aisles occupied. Two services were held each week—one in Hungarian and one in English.

The congregation was active and maintained its reputation of a social center, hosting chicken dinners, bake sales, rummage sales, kalach and kiflie sales, and Port-a-Pit chicken sales. They also held harvest dances, Christmas Eve can-

dlelight services, Easter egg hunts and Easter breakfasts, congregation picnics and an annual Christmas Jubilee.

Sisters Janet Hankins and Judith Kroger grew up in the South Bend area and are long-time members of the church. Judith was baptized into the church as a baby, and she and Janet both attended as children with their brother and parents. In 1970, when Judith married Darryl Kroger, also of South Bend, he joined the church, as well. By that time, attendance had dropped drastically, with 75–100 members at services each week.

Over the years, Janet served as an elder, deacon, a Sunday School superintendent, Sunday School teacher and treasurer. She also helped with the fundraisers, baked kalach and kiflies, and assisted with rummage sales.

Judith was an elder, deacon, secretary of the deacons and Bible school teacher. She helped with rummage sales, bake sales, Easter breakfast and ice cream socials.

Darryl, too, held a number of positions: trustee, deacon, elder, treasurer of the deacons. As a trustee, he did yard work for a while.

Attendance continued to drop. As less people were available to help, Janet, Judith and Darryl took on even more responsibility, including janitorial work and some maintenance repairs. Darryl even printed

bulletins and put out a monthly newsletter. “As a lay leader I assisted the pastor. No singing though,” he says. “We were already losing people, didn’t want to lose any more! It became almost a family affair. That’s what was left so we just stepped into different roles.”

The church soon lost their full-time minister and worked with a part-time minister to carry out services. They also had no one left to play the piano. They found an individual to do music, but the working arrangement didn’t last long. So the search continued.

The part-time minister was aware of Andrews University and connected the church to the University’s Department of Music. About six years ago Rachel Gray, a music major at the time, agreed to work for the church, providing music for the service. “Music just became more important,” says Darryl. “It was our service. It brought the whole thing together. Without that music, we probably would have closed five years ago...we were just so, so fortunate.”

Rachel began bringing her brother, Jesse Gray, along. She played the piano and he played the organ. “We had never heard both played at the same time,” says Judith. “It was beautiful.”

Rachel and Jesse provided all the musical selections, which typically included a prelude, several hymns and a postlude.



Sometimes she would play the cello, and he would play his viola. “He rarely used music,” recalls Janet. “He just stands up and plays, no music in front of him. Whatever they played, they played awesomely. Sometimes we were in awe at Rachel on the piano. She’s just so elegant, the way she plays. Jesse could play anything. A couple of times some of the pulpit supply pastors asked him to play things. And he would do it.”

Rachel and Jesse sometimes brought other Andrews students with them. Judith appreciated having young people present. “It was good to have some new life,” she says.

When Rachel moved to Chicago, Jesse continued in the Minister of Music role and brought along Jeremy Ahn, who played the piano while Jesse played the organ. “They never left us without music,” says Janet. “If they couldn’t attend, they always lined up someone to be there for us.” In fact, that level of responsibility carried over beyond everyone’s expectations—if the weather was bad, Jesse always made the 45-minute drive to provide music for the church service. If he was gone the whole summer, he had other musicians who filled in the entire time he was away.

“That sense of commitment equates to what I feel like I should be in my life,” says Darryl. “It’s amazing.”

Judith remembers Rachel and Jesse being very quiet in the beginning, but as time went on they became more outgoing. “We’ve come up now for graduations, birthday parties, concerts at the Howard Performing Arts Center. We feel like they’re a part of our families.”

The Memorial Presbyterian Church attendance dropped further still, until eventually only eight or nine members were present each week. Still, though, Jesse continued to provide music for the church service. Each week. Without fail. The church members were faced with some difficult decisions, though. Should they continue on with such a small group?

After much careful consideration, the members decided to permanently close the doors of their church. “We could have stayed open. We had money, enough money. But we had to decide as a group if it was right for us to use this money just to keep this church open for eight or nine people,” says Darryl. “We tried everything. We weren’t going to grow it. We didn’t want to waste our assets.”

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As part of that consideration, the few remaining members made a conscious decision on how they wanted to spend their money. They wanted to give back to the community around them, including charities. And Andrews University.

“We wanted to repay back the training and development Andrews gave these two young folks, for them to go out prepared to help others and to use that talent to further the work of the Lord,” says Darryl. “We wanted to use our monies logically, with the biggest chunk of it to be donated to the music department. That was important to us. Was it right, for our own personal gratification, to come to church every Sunday when we could always go to another church? We could do more by helping people, which is what we felt like we should be doing. That is why we made the decision.”

The church members waited to close their doors, though, until Jesse finished his schooling at Andrews. They wanted him to still have a job while he completed his coursework. “He was so important to us that we wanted to help him and be there for him,” says Janet.

Darryl adds, “It sort of gave us a purpose, a secondary purpose so to speak.”

Janet, Judith and Darryl connected with the Andrews University Office of Development to make a gift to Andrews in honor of Jesse and Rachel. “It wasn’t tons and tons of money,” says Darryl. “And these were funds that our forefathers had contributed over the years. The Lord was very good to us in our investments. Those who came before us were very conservative financially—there is a history of responsibility.”

The three hope that the gift will impact music students at Andrews. “Continue what you’re doing, all aspects of music,” says Janet. “I never knew anything about Andrews. Now we feel a real connection to you. I don’t know that much about your

department, but whatever it can do to help the students and further their education and their experiences would be wonderful.”

Darryl adds, “We wanted to give money to impact the music department. We wanted them to use the money to make a difference in these students’ lives and in a manner that would improve the whole facility... just thought that was important. Jesse and Rachel made me feel like, ‘Wow, this education is incredible!’ They can do anything, anything. Their work kept the church alive.”

Over the years, one of the church’s Christmas Eve traditions was to sing “Silent Night.” The lights would be dimmed, and each person would be given a candle lit from a main candle. “We would sing with just the candles while the lights were out,” says Judith. “In the beginning, before, they used to sing it in Hungarian because it is a Hungarian church.” The memory is a favorite one for Janet, Judith and Darryl.

And so, on June 30, 2019, at the church’s final service, they sang “Silent Night” as their final song.

Darryl also published a final church newsletter just prior to the church closing its doors. In it, he wrote, “With the help of an Andrews University student, Jesse Gray, and his sister, Rachel, we have a worship service with music of such quality that it exceeds most of the programs of larger churches. This for a congregation of nine. Seventh-day Adventists working hard to keep this church alive. We started with the help of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in 1903 and ended with help from the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 2019. Along the way the First Presbyterian Church of South Bend also helped us in the early days. There just might be some hope for civilization after all.” ■



*Jesse and Rachel Gray (left, second row) with their friends at the Memorial Presbyterian Church in South Bend, Indiana.*

## Alumni calendar of regional events

Please register for these events at [alumni.andrews.edu/rsvp](http://alumni.andrews.edu/rsvp) and receive up-to-date information on these and other events in your area. You may also contact the Office of Alumni Services at 269-471-3591 or [alumni@andrews.edu](mailto:alumni@andrews.edu).

### SEPTEMBER

**26–29 Alumni Homecoming**  
*Andrews University*  
 8975 Old US 31  
 Berrien Springs MI 49104  
[alumni.andrews.edu/homecoming](http://alumni.andrews.edu/homecoming)

### OCTOBER

**31 Toronto, Ontario, Canada**  
 6 p.m.  
*Courtyard Toronto NE/Markham*  
 7095 Woodbine Ave  
 Markham, Ontario, Canada

### NOVEMBER

**3 Silver Spring, Maryland**  
 11 a.m.  
*Sheraton Columbia Town Center Hotel*  
 10207 Wincopin Circle  
 Columbia, Maryland

### JANUARY 2020

**5 Orlando, Florida**  
 11 a.m.  
*Highland Manor*  
 604 E Main Street, Apopka, Florida

### FEBRUARY

**9 Dallas-Fort Worth**  
 11 a.m.  
*Location to be determined*

**11 Sacramento/Roseville**  
 6 p.m.  
*Location to be determined*

**12 Napa, California**  
 6 p.m.  
*Location to be determined*

**16 Riverside, California**  
 6 p.m.  
*Location to be determined*

### MARCH

**18 Atlanta, Georgia**  
 6 p.m.  
*Location to be determined*

**19 Asheville, North Carolina**  
 6 p.m.  
*Location to be determined*

**20 Huntsville, Alabama**  
 5 p.m.  
*Location to be determined*

**22 Chattanooga, Tennessee**  
 11 a.m.  
*Location to be determined*

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*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.*



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## Regional Events



### Chicago, Illinois

Thursday, July 11, 2019

The AMITA Health team at Bolingbrook gave Andrews University representatives, alums and friends a warm welcome. **Christina Gryns** (MA '90), a chaplain at Bolingbrook Medical Center, gave opening prayer and shared amazing stories about AMITA Health's mission-minded care. AMITA Health executives and alums greeted attendees and introduced themselves before **David Faehner** (MA '72), vice president for University Advancement, gave a welcome. Laura Malcolm, assistant director of Alumni Services, gave a presentation with pictures and updates from campus, before **President Luxton** (MA '78) shared further updates as well as took questions from attendees. Closing prayer was given by **Paul Samuel** (MDiv '13), another Bolingbrook Medical Center chaplain.



### Louisville, Kentucky

Thursday, August 1, 2019

The Office of Alumni Services was delighted to host this combined Louisville regional/ASI convention (Adventist Laymen's Services & Industries) event. The event was held in the Leroy Neiman Gallery of the Muhammad Ali Center, an exciting venue due to Muhammad Ali's connection with Andrews University. Approximately 30 alums and supporters of Andrews from Louisville and around the United States joined us for the evening program. Attendees enjoyed conversing over dinner before listening to presentations by President Andrea Luxton and other Andrews representatives.

## Lend-a-Hand



### Berrien Springs campus

Sunday, August 18, 2019

A team of Alumni Association volunteers and staff helped ensure incoming freshmen were given a warm welcome at the Legacy and Lend-A-Hand events held during FIRST STOP. Lend-A-Hand volunteers assisted freshmen moving into Lamson Hall by carrying suitcases, boxes and mini-fridges up to their residence hall rooms. Alumni volunteers enjoyed interacting with the students and their families, and we hope that our new freshmen felt welcomed and excited to become future Andrews alums!

## Mentorship Barbecue



### Howard Performing Arts Center lawn

Friday, August 23, 2019

This annual event provides a relaxed atmosphere for new, incoming students to meet professional alumni from the community and learn from them. The collaborative gathering has quickly become a favorite of many local alums who appreciate the opportunity to share their experiences with incoming students. Student groups that get together throughout the week come together one last time before the start of school and discuss anything that might still be left over from the days before. From study tips to career advice, our alumni volunteers advise with all of it at this fun, outdoor dinner as Andrews University and its community welcome yet another new school year!



# Andrews Legacy

August 18, 2019

Roughly one-third of new students coming through FIRST STOP during New Student Orientation identified themselves as Legacy students—students with a sibling, parent and/or grandparent who attended Andrews. The Alumni Association celebrated this legacy connection by taking photos of the students and/or families.









## 1950s

**Arden Mote** (BA '51) and **Lawrence (Larry) Pumford** (BA '50) became friends at Emmanuel Missionary College. They were both ministerial students from Michigan. Before graduation both were married, Arden to Dorothy Harrington, and Larry to Florence Lewis. In 1950 both couples moved to Wisconsin where Arden and Larry sold literature. In 1951 both Arden and Larry took teaching positions, Arden in Florida and Larry in Indiana. They kept in touch regularly and after two years both were called into the ministry in their respective states. Four years later both were ordained on the same day. Ministry took them to many places, but they continued to keep in touch. Following retirement, they happened to be in Michigan together. By some interesting coincidence, they learned for the first time that Dorothy and Larry were related (her grandfather and his great-grandmother were brother and sister). Arden, Larry, Dorothy and Florence are now all age 92.

**Jean (Ketcham) Anderson** (BA '57) retired from a counseling career several years ago and has recently completed her third book called "From Farm Girl to Missionary" which is the biography of Mary Haskell Rentfro. She was fortunate to come into possession of 11 handwritten notebooks detailing Mary's life and revealing how God led in her life with answers to prayer, miracles and many adventures. After two years of research and writing, the book is now available at Teach Services, Inc., Adventist Book Centers, Amazon and Kindle. Jean continued her education during her career, earning an MS in 1978 and MEd in 1994 from Southwestern Adventist University.

## 1960s

**Arthur** (MA '67) and **Dorothy** (att.) **Spenst** recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 16, 1949, at Canadian Union College (now Burman University) in Lacombe, Alberta. They have pastored in four Canadian provinces—Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia and Manitoba—as well as on the island of Maui for two years after retirement. They also taught at Pakistan Adventist Seminary & College for six years where Arthur headed the religion department. Their son Del (Jenna) and daughter Donna (Dan) Wells attended Andrews Academy and Ruth Murdoch Elementary School from 1966–1967.



Art and Dorothy have four grandsons and ten great-grandchildren. They enjoy condo living in British Columbia, Canada.

## 1970s

**Stanley E. Harris** (BA '74) continues in his 34th year as university psychiatrist at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, where he is a clinical professor at the Keck School of Medicine. At USC's graduation ceremony this year, Harris received USC's Exceptional LGBTQ Faculty/Staff Award. The American Psychiatric Association recognizes him with its highest level for professional achievement, Distinguished Life Fellowship. Harris continues to pursue interests in both medicine and music. Each year, he hosts more than 100 chamber music concerts for musicians and friends in his private residence series, Stan's Music Parlor.

**Boyd Hooper** (BMus '77) had a 32-year career with the U.S. Census Bureau. He is now retired and lives in Indiana.

## 1980s

**Deborah C. Ward** (BSD '81) lives in Illinois. She married her husband, Trent, in 1982, and has a son, Jonathan. She has been working as a dietitian in public health for 22 years and received an MBA in 1991. Currently she works with families of young children as a case manager, helping moms through a healthy pregnancy and breastfeeding. She also works with adults with behavioral health issues to help them learn to improve their lifestyle and weight reduction, including exercise. She has a garden, develops healthy recipes and is also active with cooking classes at church.

**Alan Wong** (MBA '81) lives in Indiana. After graduating from Andrews, Alan went on to earn a terminal degree. He taught at Indiana University before retiring in January 2019.

**CAPT Washington Johnson II** (MDiv '87), United States Navy Chaplain Corps, received

the military's prestigious Defense Meritorious Service Medal (DMSM) on July 19, 2019. The DMSM is awarded to military personnel who have distinguished themselves with outstanding achievement or meritorious service while serving with or assigned to a number of joint activities, including The Secretary of Defense, Organizations of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Headquarters of Joint Commands.

Johnson, who serves as a staff chaplain for the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM), Peterson AFB, CO, received the award for his contributions to mission readiness by providing superb pastoral care, professional development, and advisory support to senior military leaders on issues related to morale, morals and ethics.

Prior to this assignment, Johnson served as the deputy chaplain of the United States Coast Guard for Reserve Matters, Washington, D.C. As a civilian he serves as assistant director of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries at the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

He is married to **Joyce** (PhD '03), an educator, and has one son, Washington Johnson III.



## 1990s

**Cristina Grys** (MA '90) lives in Illinois. She is married to **John** (MDiv '90, DMin '11), and they have two sons, Jason and Kristofer. She is a chaplain for AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center in Bolingbrook.

**Laura Schweitzer-Tobolaski** (BS '93, MSPT '94) lives in Illinois and works as a physical therapist at ATI in the home health division. She has two sons, Franklin and Thomas.

**Lee Griffin** (BT '00) lives in North Carolina. He has been a spreader driver for Harrell's Fertilizer for 14 years. He travels four states and spreads golf courses and other turfgrass spaces. He has been married to his wife, Darcy, for 17 years. Darcy homeschools their children, Hope and Noah.

**Eric Freking** (MDiv '06) lives in Indiana with his family, Beatriz and Eden. He has spent most of his career in the Indiana Conference.





**Richard Lee Scott** (BA '67, former staff) passed away peacefully at his home in Berrien Springs, Michigan, on July 12. He was born in a maternity home on Jan. 26, 1944, in St. Louis, Michigan, the only son of William and Imogene (Millner) Scott. In birth order, he was “sandwiched” between two sisters, Kay and Patricia Ann.

With the exception of living in the Detroit area (Dearborn) for the first year or two of his life, Dick spent his idyllic childhood as a Michigan country boy. He lived in a cottage in the woods next door to his maternal grandparents and within walking distance of Higgins Lake. His carpenter father taught him skills that laid a good foundation for his future work in building maintenance and in the oversight of building buildings. His father grew up as a passionate fisherman in Wisconsin, and he passed that lifelong passion on to Dick.

Even though his parents met at Cedar Lake Academy, they were not practicing Seventh-day Adventists once they moved to Higgins Lake. The nearest Seventh-day Adventist church in Gaylord was too far away to travel to because of gas rationing. However, Dick shared that there was never a time in his life when he didn't believe in God. In fact, he remembers how angry he was with God when his beloved paternal grandfather died when he was 8 years old.

Six years later, having just turned 14, there was another significant death in the family that would impact his life forever. After battling cancer for several years, his father succumbed in February of 1958 at the age of 37. During the latter part of his battle, Dick's father asked that contact be made with the Houghton Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church. Bible studies were begun with the family, and his father requested that his three children be sent to Cedar Lake Academy. On May 31, 1958, Dick gave his heart to the Lord in baptism.

Dick graduated from Cedar Lake Academy and then came to Andrews University. While a student at Andrews, Dick began dating Dixie Lee Beardsley, a former classmate from Cedar Lake

Academy. They were married on August 23, 1964, in Gobles, Michigan.

Dick received his Bachelor of Arts in physical education from Andrews University in 1967. Shortly after graduating, he served the Cedar Lake Church School in Cedar Lake, Michigan, where he taught grades four through six. He then served at Cedar Lake Academy for four years as dean of boys and teacher before joining the Andrews University staff in 1972. While living in Cedar Lake, Dick and Dixie welcomed two children into their lives, Michelle and William.

After his experience as dean at Cedar Lake, he was called to return to his alma mater. He served his first year as assistant dean in Burman Hall, followed by his promotion to dean of men at Meier Hall and director of residence halls. Dixie and he dedicated themselves to mentoring and improving the lives of young men on campus for the next 12 years.

In 1984, both Dick and Dixie were offered positions at Camp Au Sable in Grayling, Michigan. They accepted the offers, and he left Andrews to work as an assistant manager of the Michigan Conference's flagship summer camp.

Dick returned to Andrews for a final time in January 1992, when he was offered the position of manager of Plant Services, a position that allowed him to manage some of the biggest construction and renovation projects of recent times, including the new University entrance, renovations of Dining Services and Nethery Hall, and construction of Buller and Damazo Halls.

Dick became director of facilities management in 2005, a position he held until retirement. At his retirement in 2014 he had served the Seventh-day Adventist denomination for almost five decades. He continued to volunteer at Transportation and Architecture after his retirement, as his health allowed.

In 2015 Dick was diagnosed with ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. He was an inspiration to many as he faithfully continued to attend weekly church services at Pioneer Memorial Church, where he was a member for almost 40 years.

Dick was a devoted family man and loved spending time with his four grandchildren. He was also an avid golfer and fishing enthusiast, making an annual fishing trip to Canada with long-time friends Gerry Herdman, Jerry Metzger, Ray Hamblin and John Pangman for many years.

He is survived by his beloved wife, **Dixie Scott** (BS '01), two adult children, daughter **Shelley Bolin** (BS '94, current staff) and her husband Duane, and son **William Scott** (BS '95, MSPT '96, current staff); four grandchildren, **Kaitlyn Marie Rigg** (BS '19, current staff), **Matthew Scott Rigg**, **Brooke Ashlyn Scott**, and **Connor William Scott**; and his sister **Kay Nelson** (BA '65).

He was predeceased by his father in 1958, his mother in 2012, and his sister Patricia Ann Bowen in 2018.



**Jeffery Alan Erhard** (BS '79, MAT '89), 62, of McDonald, Tennessee, passed away while scuba diving in Bonaire on June 12, 2019. He was born the second of five children to Warren “Sonny” and Barbara Erhard on July 13, 1956, in Royal Oak, Michigan.

He attended Andrews University, obtaining his Bachelor of Science in physical education and Master of Arts in educational administration. He also met the love of his life, his wife, Darla Rouse. His work as a teacher and coach at Spencerville Junior Academy, Broadview Academy, East Pasco Adventist Academy and later as associate dean of men at Southern Adventist University for the last 22 years highlighted his gift of connecting with people young and old and bringing out strengths in students that they may not have even recognized in themselves.

His booming voice and hearty belly laughs could regularly be heard echoing through the halls of Talge, a signal to those in need of comfort or a friendly face that his door was always open to them. He was an old soul with a sense of pride in his country, his family and faith that no one could dispute; he believed that all things were possible with hard work and prayer. When he wasn't indulging in his love of water by swimming in the backyard pool, boating or planning his next scuba diving trip, he could be found in his workshop building custom wood masterpieces or tuning up his motorcycle for his next long ride.

Jeff was a loving and devoted son, brother, husband, father, uncle and Papa...a teacher, a coach, a counselor, an investor in people, and now he sleeps until the trumpet sounds.

He was preceded in death by his father, **Warren "Sonny" Erhard** (former staff), and his siblings: Michael, **Laurie** (att.) and Andrew.

Jeff is survived by his wife of almost 39 years, **Darla Erhard** (AS '80); son, Nick Erhard and wife Brooke of Ooltewah, Tennessee; son, Neal Erhard and his wife Corinne of Ooltewah, Tennessee; grandchildren, Peyton, Cadence, Elliot, Wilder and Grey; mother, **Barbara Erhard** (former staff) of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; brother, **Jamie Erhard** (att.) and his wife **Shelly** (att., current staff) of Berrien Springs, Michigan; nieces: **Heidi** (BA '13), **Lindsey** (BA '08) (Erik), Amy (Trent), **Leslie** (att.) (Andi), Kaitlyn (Chad), and **Lauren** (att.) (Tyler); mother-in-law, Darlene Rouse; brother-in-law, **Arden Rouse** (MBA '91, BS '80) (Jan).



**Joaquin (Joe) P. Matar** (BA '54) passed away on June 5, 2019, in Monterey Park, California. Joe was born on Nov. 26, 1925, in Bethlehem, Palestine. His family migrated to the Dominican Republic when Joe was young. At the age of 17, he came to the U.S. to attend Auburn Academy. He then enlisted in the army and spent most of his military life in Alaska.

After his service, he attended Walla Walla College, followed by EMC (Andrews) where he graduated in 1954 with a major in accounting. Most of Joe's professional life was spent in management with the IRS.

He met the love of his life, his wife, **Dorothy** (att.). They were married in 1952 in Glendale, California.

He retired at age 62 and spent the next 30 plus years delighting his family and friends with his delicious Middle Eastern cooking, caring for family members, and cruising the Caribbean, Alaska, Mexico and other ports with his wife by his side. He was always known to entertain the children in church with hand-made origami birds and pockets full of candy.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, his two daughters, Michelle and Marla, his sons-in-law, three granddaughters, and nieces and nephews.



**Jonathan Michael Harrison** (BSA '06, MArch '07) passed away unexpectedly on June 3, 2019.

Jonathan was born Jan. 6, 1984, and was quickly introduced to the adventurous outdoors. His father, Mike, would hold him and read from the magazine "Field and Stream." Later on, they would read adventure books together. Adventure was part of Jonathan's life. He spent some of his grade school years in Nome, Alaska, and then ventured outside to Bozeman, Montana, graduating from Mount Ellis Adventist Academy in 2002. He loved being outdoors, riding his four-wheeler.

He spent a couple of years working for a firm in Pittsburg doing urban design and then his adventurous spirit took him to the Far East. Based in Malaysia from 2008–2010, he worked on urban design projects that took him to Beijing, China; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and redesigning a road in Mongolia. When he returned to Fairbanks, he did freelance architect work. He sat on the building committee of the Fairbanks SDA Church, giving insight to their building project and drew up plans for the Adventist Community Services' warehouse.

He loved woodworking and created the most amazing things! His passion for woodworking and love for his parents was greatly expressed in what he created and gave them. Some of the inspiration for his different projects came from watching woodworking episodes on YouTube with his father.

Jonathan was a perfectionist, a hard worker, a creative, artistic and passionate kind of guy. He saw potential and perfection in what seemed like useless, insignificant materials. And that carried over into the way he saw people.

Jonathan developed a passion for ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency), an organization which strives to have a God-impact on people and improve the quality of their lives. Bangkok, Thailand, had a special place in his heart and Jonathan would contribute to special mission projects over there.

He enjoyed music with his mom and learned to play the guitar and piano in grade school. He loved a variety of music from Christian to classical music. Besides watching woodworking episodes on YouTube, he enjoyed watching and listening to Hope Sabbath School, Doug Batchelor and Dwight Nelson.

Jonathan is survived by his father, Mike Harrison, his 101-year-old grandmother Lillian Harrison, his 98-year-old grandmother Marion Thompson, aunts, uncles, cousins and many dear friends.



**Dr. Bruce E. Lee Jr. "Skip"** (att.) formerly of Calhoun, Georgia, died May 27, 2018, in Asheville, North Carolina. He was born in Battle Creek, Michigan, on May 15, 1952, to **Bruce** (BA '49, former faculty) and **Barbara Lee** (BSMT '68, MS '83).

He attended EMC Elementary, Andrews Academy and Andrews University prior to attending Loma Linda University where he graduated from medicine in 1976. He practiced family medicine in Ithaca, Michigan, before moving to Calhoun, Georgia, where he specialized in geriatrics. He was president of the Georgia Medical Directors Association at the time of his glioma diagnosis. He was also past-president of Liaison International Ministries.

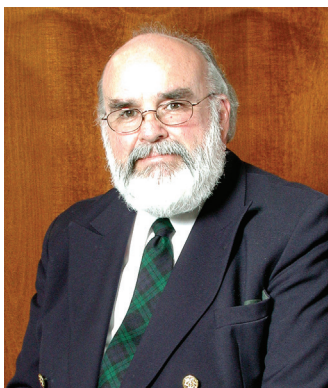
He was passionate about sharing and teaching the gospel to all he met and participated in mission trips to places such as Bolivia, China, Venezuela, Africa and Nicaragua.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon (Alway) Lee of Arden, North Carolina; a daughter, Marisa Renegar (Jon) of Asheville, North Carolina, and their six children; a son, Brandon Lee (Scott Lewis) of Atlanta, Georgia; mother, Barbara Lee of College Place, Washington; two brothers, **Steve Lee** (BS '76) (**Heather**) (BS '76) of College Place, Washington; **Mark Lee** (att.) (**Peggy**) (BS '80) of Laurel, Maryland; and a sister, **Yvonne Pichette** (BS '81) (**Ray**) (BA '80, MDiv '84) of Dade City, Florida.

**Bruce Campbell Moyer** (MA '64, former faculty), passed away on May 11, 2019. He was born May 3, 1937.

Bruce earned a BA in system-





atic theology from Pacific Union College in 1963, an MA in systematic theology from Andrews University in 1964 and a Doctor of Sacred Theology in missions and social ethics from San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1987.

In his early years, Bruce pastored in the Pacific Northwest, taught at both Auburn and Columbia Adventist Academies, lectured in pastoral theology at Solusi University in Zimbabwe, and was associate professor of theology at Columbia Union College, now Washington Adventist University, near Washington, D.C. He served as senior advisor on HIV-AIDS for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) and spent eight years pastoring urban and inner-city churches at Sligo Church in Takoma Park, Maryland, and University Park Church in Portland, Oregon. Bruce was also the co-founder/director of the Center for Global Urban Mission, a research and training center that developed urban training programs, urban strategic planning and urban mission models. Bruce served, honorably, as a non-commissioned officer, with the United States Marine Corps.

Prior to his retirement from Andrews University as a professor, he was involved in the training of cross-cultural workers and the development of cross-cultural training curriculum. He also developed and directed Global Partnerships, a tentmaking program, recruiting and training people for mission in “creative access” countries.

In his retirement Bruce was heavily involved with Gospel Outreach, a supportive ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist

Church. This work involved outreach to Muslims on three continents. He also served for many years as doctoral advisor to numerous PhD candidates at Andrews University.

In spite of all his accomplishments and careers, Bruce was most proud of his 62 years of marriage to his wife, **Shirley** (former staff), his two children, **Lisl** (BA '92) and **TJ** (BA '96), and four very exceptional grandsons. Bruce had just celebrated his 82nd birthday.



**Paul Wayne Anderson** (BA '50), 89, died May 9, 2019, in Napa, California, from pancreatic cancer. Paul was born in Janesville, Wisconsin, on April 17, 1930. He grew up in the small nearby town of Milton with his parents, Elmer and Helen (Kidder) Anderson and two sisters, Marilyn and Karen.

Paul graduated from Andrews Academy in 1947 and went on to attend Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, graduating with a degree in biology in 1950. During this time he worked summers at the Burdick Corporation in Milton. Paul attended Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, California, where he earned his medical degree in 1955. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Army and worked to help set up hospitals in France and Germany. While in France he discovered a lifelong love of good food. He left the Army as a Colonel. Paul had various adventures as a young MD. He was a physician at the 1960 Olympics in Squaw Valley and worked as a bush doctor in rural Alaska. He then graduated from Berkeley School of Public Health with

his MPH in 1960. He became the director of public health in King County in Washington state and then filled the same role in Humboldt County in California. At age 50 he made a major change in his life and decided to change his specialty in medicine from public health to psychiatry. He worked at Napa State Hospital for 33 years.

Paul loved flowers and was director of the American Rhododendron Society for Offshore Chapters that included Hawaii and the countries of Denmark, Finland, Sikkim, etc. He was also one of the founding members of the Eureka Rhododendron Society and was instrumental in starting the Humboldt Botanical Gardens. Paul was a long-time Rotarian in Napa, participating in and supporting many community activities. After his retirement, at the age of 83, Paul volunteered as a driver for the California Highway Patrol for five years. Paul traveled the world making friends and indulging in his love for people, beauty and knowledge. He was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and a philanthropist who emphasized the importance of education.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, **Elmer** (BA '23) and **Helen** (Kidder) Anderson and his sister, **Karen**. He is survived by his sister **Marilyn Jorgensen** (BA '50), brother-in-law **Jon Cole**, nieces **Barbara Anne Thomason**, **Susan Cole-Voth** and **Sharon Cole-Behe** and nephews, **Bruce Cole** and **Bryce Cole**.

**Liz Beck** (BS '86) passed away on Oct. 30, 2018.

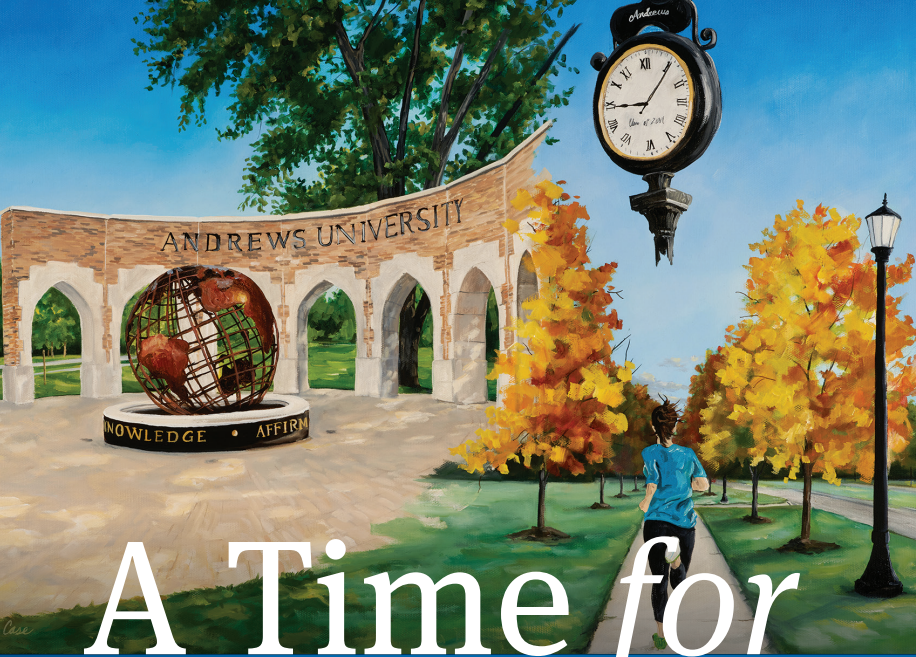
Liz was born April 2, 1929, in Mobile, Alabama, as the last of five children. Not raised an Adventist, she went to New York City and studied dancing with **Fred Astaire** for a year, then came back to Atlanta, Georgia, and opened two of her own dance studios at age 19. Around 1959 she became acquainted with the Adventist message, eventually joining the church in 1962—the “best thing she ever did,” she would often say. After the death of her professional



pilot husband, she came to Andrews University at the age of 49 to continue her college education, working her way through. It was then that she started “Fireside Fellowship” where college-age young people would gather almost every Sabbath afternoon and evening to fellowship with other students, discuss real life issues, help one another and go out to help in the community out of which even “Harbor of Hope” can trace its roots. After graduating she went to work as a real estate agent in the Berrien Springs area, first with **McLauchlin** and then with daughter **Sharon** at **Keller Williams & Pier Realty**. Notwithstanding her great love for her family, her Fireside “kids” of 20+ years and real estate clients “family” of 30 years were the passion of her life!

Liz is survived by her daughter **Sharon** and husband **Kenneth Straw**; daughter **Connie Smart**; granddaughters **Kristi Straw** (att.) and **Heidi** (BA/BA '97, GRCIND '12) and her husband **Luiz Camargo** (MA '17); Ashley and Kellie Smart; and three great-grandchildren: **Nicholas**, **Catherine** and **Sebastian**.

A memorial service for **Liz Beck** will take place at Pioneer Memorial Church on Nov. 9, 2019, at 4 p.m. It will also be available via live stream. A final Fireside Fellowship meal to follow.



# A Time for Wellness

Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2019—September 26–29

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**9 a.m.–5 p.m.**  
**Registration**  
*Alumni House Backyard Tent*

**2 p.m.**  
**Andreasen Center for Wellness Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening Celebration**  
*Andreasen Center for Wellness*

**6 p.m.**  
**Spirit of Philanthropy & Homecoming Banquet**  
*Alumni House Backyard Tent*  
Please RSVP at [andrews.edu/go/2dinner](http://andrews.edu/go/2dinner) to secure your complimentary ticket, as space is limited.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

**7:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast**  
**8:30 a.m. Shotgun start**  
**Wes Christiansen Memorial Golf Outing**  
*Harbor Shores Golf Club, St. Joseph, Michigan*  
RSVP required; Entry fee: \$110 regular, \$60 AU students

**8:30–10 a.m.**  
**Women's Brunch**  
*Lincoln & Hoosier Rooms, Campus Center*  
RSVP required. Sponsored by the Women's Scholarship Committee. Speaker: Arlyn Drew, "Girl, Interrupted"

**9 a.m.–4 p.m.**  
**Registration**  
*Alumni House Backyard Tent*

**10:30 a.m.**  
**Campus Bus Tour**  
*The bus will load at the Alumni House parking lot at 10 a.m.*

## PROFESSIONAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITY

**12:30 p.m.**  
**Tambunan Leadership Luncheon (Student Programming)**  
*Alumni House Tent*  
RSVP required; Dress code: Business casual or business professional

**1:30 p.m.**  
**First Problem Solving: Hands-On Workshop**  
Presented by the Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship  
*Alumni House Tent*

**3 p.m.**  
**Break Time/Classic Car Show**  
*Andrews Administration Building Parking Lot*

**3:30–4:45 p.m.**  
**Breakout Sessions**  
Innovation and Virtual Reality Tour; Staying Active & Healthy as a Busy Professional; Landscaping and Gardening Small Spaces

**1–4 p.m.**  
**Homecoming Classic Car Show**  
*Andrews Administration Building Parking Lot*

**2 p.m.**  
**Presentation on Forensic Odontology: CSI & Body Identification**  
*Biology Amphitheater*  
Speaker: Paul Kovalski (BS '79)

**5 p.m.**  
**32nd Annual Homecoming Parade**  
*Viewing bleachers curbside, between the Howard & Seminary buildings*  
Lineup for entries begins at 4:15 p.m. in the Andrews Academy parking lot, and parade ends at the PMC parking lot.

**5:30–7 p.m.**  
**Medical Laboratory Sciences 30th Anniversary Meet & Greet**  
*Badger Room, Dining Services*

**6:30 p.m.**  
**International Flag Raising Ceremony**  
*Flag Mall*  
Call 269-471-3345 to sign up.

**7 p.m.**  
**School of Nursing Dinner/Vespers/Meet & Greet**  
*School of Nursing Lobby, Marsh Hall*

**7:30 p.m.**  
**University Vespers**  
*Pioneer Memorial Church*  
Speaker: Danielle Barnard

**8:45 p.m.**  
**Impact Vespers**  
*Burman Hall Chapel*  
Speaker: Garrison Hayes (MDiv '18), associate pastor, Community Praise Church

## SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 28

**9 & 11:45 a.m.**  
**The Church at Worship**  
*Pioneer Memorial Church*  
Speaker: Dwight K. Nelson (MDiv '76, DMin '86)

**10 a.m. & 11:45 a.m.**  
**One Place**  
*Newbold Auditorium, Buller Hall*

**10:30 a.m.**  
**Sabbath School**  
*Pioneer Memorial Church*  
Presented by the Class of 1969.

**11:45 a.m.**  
**BSCF Alumni Worship Service and New Life Church**  
*Howard Performing Arts Center*  
Speaker: Newton Hoilette (MA '75, EdD '79)

**1 p.m.**  
**Class Reunion Luncheon Buffets**  
*Dining Services, Campus Center*  
Meal cards may be purchased in advance at the Dining Services office, or pay with debit/credit card (no cash) as you go through line.

**1:30 p.m.**  
**School of Population Health, Nutrition & Wellness International Cuisine Potluck**  
*Third Floor, Marsh Hall*

**1:30–2:30 p.m.**  
**Class of 1969 Agriculture Education Center Tour**  
*Agriculture Education Center (former Dairy)*

**3–5 p.m.**  
**Museums and Open Houses**

**3–5 p.m.**  
**Andrews University Latino Association (AULA) Program**  
*Randall Student Lounge, Buller Hall*

**3:30–5 p.m.**  
**Michigan Adventist Forum**  
*Garber Auditorium, Chan Shun Hall*  
Speaker: Gary Fraser

**3:30–5:30 p.m.**  
**Agriculture Education Center Open House**  
*Agriculture Education Center (former Dairy)*

**5–6 p.m.**  
**Medical Laboratory Science 30th Anniversary Program**  
*Biology Amphitheater*

**5:30–7:30 p.m. (tours will depart every half-hour)**  
**Harvest Tours**  
*The wagon will load at the Alumni House backyard*

**5:30–7:45 p.m.**  
**Class Reunion Photos**  
*Alumni House Backyard Tent*  
5:30 Golden Hearts Club (1969 and earlier)  
5:50 Class of 1949  
6:05 Class of 1959  
6:20 Class of 1969  
6:35 Class of 1979  
6:50 Class of 1989  
7:05 Class of 1994  
7:20 Class of 1999  
7:35 Class of 2009  
7:40 Class of 2014  
7:45 Class of 2019

**6 p.m.**  
**Harvest Picnic**  
*Alumni House backyard tent*  
Parking is available behind the Science Complex, with additional parking at Chan Shun Hall and Howard Performing Arts Center.

**8 p.m.**  
**Alumni Homecoming Gala: A Tribute to Paul Hamel**  
*Howard Performing Arts Center*  
Join us for a complimentary concert featuring Department of Music ensembles.

**7:40 p.m.—Pre-Concert Tribute Video**—Prior to the concert we will screen an 18-minute video created by Matt and Michelle Hamel as a tribute to their grandfather Paul Hamel for his 100th birthday.

**9 p.m.**  
**Alumni vs. Students Basketball Game**  
*Andreasen Center for Wellness*

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

**7:30–11:30 a.m.**  
**Aviation Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast**  
*Andrews University Airpark*  
Adults \$7 (children ages 5 and under \$3); Breakfast will be served until 11 a.m.

**9 a.m.**  
**Harvest Run 5K/10K and 1 Mile Walk**  
*Parking available at Pioneer Memorial Church*  
(Day-of registration and packet pick-up from 8–8:45 a.m. at Andreasen Center for Wellness) Adults \$32, current AU students and children 12 and under \$22, 1-Mile Walk: \$12

**11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**  
**Instant Pot Cooking Demonstration**  
*Andreasen Center for Wellness, Beijing Room*

**11 a.m.–5 p.m.**  
**Grand Open House**  
*Andreasen Center for Wellness*

To view a complete schedule, visit  
[alumni.andrews.edu/homecoming](http://alumni.andrews.edu/homecoming)



# Norah Kunji

*Norah gave this presentation during graduation vespers on Saturday, August 3, 2019.*

**MY NAME IS NORAH KUNJI. I GREW UP IN** a small village in the highlands of Papua New Guinea. Having access to quality education was a distant dream. Through friends and relatives, I learned about an Adventist boarding school 120 miles from my village, over rugged terrain. I knew in my heart that God was calling me to attend that school. There, I could prepare to fulfill my academic dreams and grow spiritually. I told my parents about it, and they encouraged me to pray. It took ten years before God answered my prayer to enroll at the Adventist boarding academy. Through His grace and providence, I went on to attend two other Adventist higher educational institutions in Papua New Guinea, one for my diploma or associate degree and the other for my bachelor's degree in business.

I had never dreamed of furthering my education, never even heard of Andrews University, until the Andrews University alumni magazine, FOCUS, caught my attention in the Sonoma Adventist College Library in Papua New Guinea, while I was completing my associate degree. After reading the alumni magazine, my dreams expanded to one day further my education at Andrews University. I sensed that

Andrews could change my life and service forever. Right then, I decided that I would attend Andrews University for my MBA. And now, standing in front of you tonight is a testament of God's unfailing love and the many provisions of His leading.

An important lesson that I have learned during my four years at Andrews University is that when you commit your plans to the Lord, He is faithful in fulfilling them with extra surprises. I came for an MBA, but God had something extra for me. I first earned a Master of Science in Administration with a concentration in organizational management in 2017, and now I am standing here as a Master of Business Administration candidate.

Viewing Andrews University from the distance, I was motivated by the quality Christian education, the beautiful campus, the community of diversity, the healthy

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food in the cafeteria, student life, University housing, campus safety and the worship services at Andrews University. These attractions led me to fly across the Pacific Ocean to study here.

When I arrived on campus, I was not disappointed. Everything I saw in the alumni magazine was here. And beyond my expectation, I discovered the godly faculty, supportive friends, colleagues and staff. More importantly, I met my Savior here and that has changed my life forever. A single alumni magazine stretched me to consider a new path. The Andrews experience I have enjoyed, living with all of you, has given me a new purpose in life!

We came to Andrews University with different reasons, and we have different stories to tell. But Andrews University has made us the World Changers we are today. Through fall and winter, spring and summer, Andrews University has shaped us and equipped us—spiritually, mentally, physically and socially—to serve the world and to be the light that the world needs. Go be the Andrews alumni that others may see Jesus in your words and actions and glorify your Father in heaven.







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