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## It Takes a Village

Andrea Luxton, *president*

THE TRUTH OF THE SAYING "IT TAKES A village ..." or, in the biblical context, 1 Corinthians 12 was never clearer to me than over the last few days. Graduation is usually the celebratory culmination of the year's activities. For 2021 it became something even more meaningful: the culmination of the challenges and rewards of a year living and working with COVID-19 restrictions. Graduation epitomized the astounding commitment and unified focus of the University toward its students and their success (academically, spiritually and personally).

There is no doubt that on the surface what we were able to do disappointed some. Families couldn't attend many of the indoor ceremonies. Graduates had to physically distance themselves for the graduation event itself. But if you scratched the surface of what could be seen, what you would find was truly heartwarming: creativity, unity, shared purpose, commitment and a willingness to go the third and fourth mile.

Let me give you a few examples of what our normally unsung heroes and heroines managed to arrange. Much of the initial creativity came from the core graduation committee, led by my truly amazing assistant, Dalry Payne. How could we have graduation under the restrictions we had and still make it personal? And so we decided instead of the usual Commencement speakers we would ask parents and friends of the graduates to send us videos. I had a message from an alumna who had no direct family graduating but wanted to tune in to see what we were doing. She told me she cried when she saw the videos, the families and lives behind our graduates. And then came the idea of the drive-in theater, along with personal delivery of goodies, water and programs to each car ... and a few balloons too. And of course there was the new handshake system that was particularly powerful for me. As graduates chose their form of handshake

and I responded in like (for example, the peace sign, the hand on heart, raising the roof) I was able to connect meaningfully, for me, with each person in a unique way.

Then with the planning team there was the team that carried everything off throughout the weekend. Patience was the gift of the weekend as staff went the extra mile and then another one and then another to help everyone be in the right place at the right time. And the tech team both inside and out worked wonders to weave together disparate videos and livestreaming to reach those present inside, those present outside and those in their own homes, all at the same time! On Sunday morning—our "rain service"—I went outside at the end of the event and there were all the staff, standing under umbrellas throughout the parking lot, still helping families.

The graduates may not have a comparison, but for me, knowing the personal thought that went into each decision and then the unified follow-through, this graduation will go down as the best one ever.

It takes a village to grow a graduate who is a World Changer. It takes every part of the body of the University working together to live the Andrews mission! Thank you, team.



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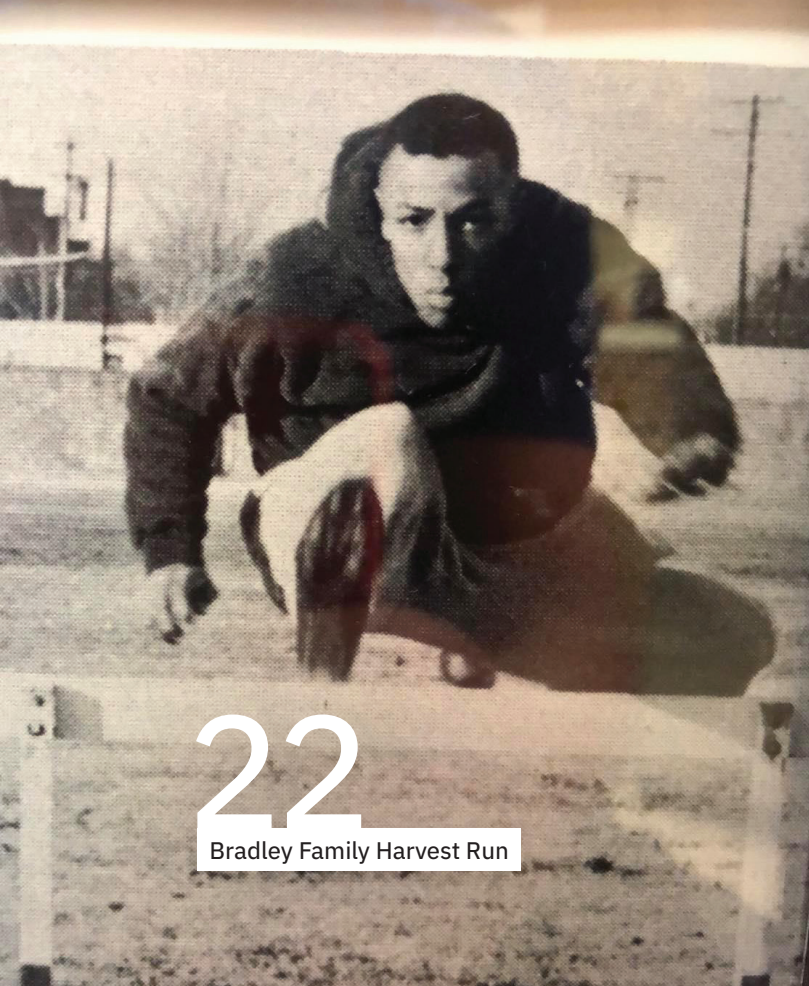
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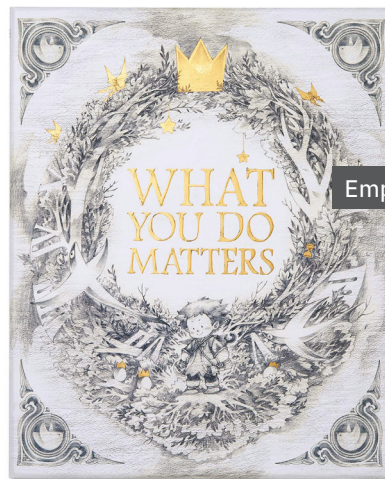
World Changers Week highlighted alumni and students making a positive impact on their world.

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Thanks to a generous gift, the annual Harvest Run—now renamed—will continue for years to come.

**COVER:** Christie Chavit, who received a Bachelor of Health Science in physical therapy, and President Andrea Luxton exchange an air fist bump during the College of Health & Human Services Commencement on May 7, 2021.

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## Campus Update

# New book on faith and science

*Released by Andrews University Press*

## EVIDENCE FOR A DESIGNED CREATION

and a worldwide flood is the focus of a new, popularly-oriented book from Andrews University Press intended for the college classroom and general readership.

“Design and Catastrophe: 51 Scientists Explore Evidence in Nature,” has been released this month by Andrews, in partnership with the Geoscience Research Institute (GRI) in Loma Linda, California.

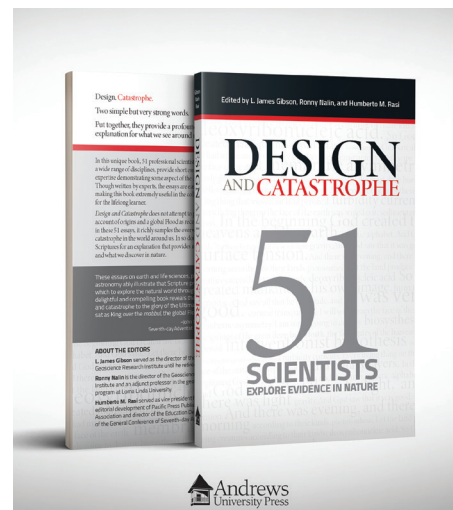
“We are excited to present this rich sampler of some of the overwhelming evidence for the design/catastrophe paradigm in the world around us,” said Ronny Nalin, one of the book’s general editors, and the new director of GRI.

Nalin said that the 51 scientists collectively represent a broad cross-section of specialties in the scientific world, including geology, paleontology, biology, chemistry, botany, genetics, computer science, medicine, physics, astronomy, engineering and mathematics. He said the 51 articles in the book are each about three pages long and are written and edited to be understandable and useful to the non-specialist.

“These writers are all experts in their fields,” Nalin said. “And the mark of being an expert is to be able to communicate something meaningful to someone who doesn’t know everything the expert does. So, the authors each have written a short essay on some specific scientific topic that illustrates how the biblical teaching of origins helps them make sense of the marvels of intricate creative design in nature or the evidence for catastrophic, large-scale activity consistent with the biblical account of a worldwide flood.”

Among the 51 essays in the book are: “Wonderful Water,” “From Chemical Space to Creative Grace,” “Why Chimpanzees Can’t Play Chopin,” “Cholesterol: The Wonder of Biosynthesis,” “Mathematics and Design in the Realm of Bees,” “Megabreccias: A Record of Catastrophes” and “Human Life Span after the Flood.”

Two other general editors, Humberto M. Rasi and L. James Gibson, worked closely with Nalin to prepare the book and provide editorial guidance. Rasi is



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the former director of the Education Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and Gibson is Nalin’s long-time predecessor as director of GRI. Rasi and Nalin prepared the book in honor of Gibson, who retired from GRI in August 2020 and to whom they dedicated their work.

“We expect this book to have wide use in the college classroom and for the educated layperson,” Rasi said. “It has good solid, scientific content but is also accessible to the casual reader.” Rasi, himself a long-time educator, also served as vice president for editorial development at Pacific Press Publishing Association, has written many articles and co-edited with Gibson other books on religion and science, including “Understanding Creation: Answers to Questions on Faith and Science.”

“Design and Catastrophe” is available from Amazon.com, from Adventist Book Centers, and directly from Andrews University Press at [universitypress.andrews.edu](http://universitypress.andrews.edu).



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# “Rise Together”

*A celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month*

IN CELEBRATION OF ASIAN AMERICAN and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, Andrews University hosted a collection of programs and important discussions on heritage and identity. Although AAPI heritage is officially recognized during the month of May throughout the United States, the University hosted events in March and April to account for summer break.

On March 22, AAPI student clubs met with the Office of Diversity & Inclusion and Center for Faith Engagement to discuss and process recent tragic events of hate and violence toward the Asian community. Spokespersons from each of the organizations explored ways the campus could make intentional choices to stop acts of injustice and share support across the lines of the Andrews community.

The first Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Vespers took place for Proximity Vespers on April 9 and centered on the theme “Rise Together.” Individuals from an array of cultural backgrounds gathered together for music and worship. An original piece of art titled “Blooming in Diversity” was presented by creators Justin Flores, Dara Atmadja, Rekha Isaac and Yejin Seo. The painting of a cross featured flowers and golden embroidery, incorporating cultural meanings from around the world that centered on the message of unity found within 1 Corinthians 1:10.

Tony Yang, vice president for strategy, marketing & enrollment and chief communication officer, was the featured speaker. As students performed skits on their experiences as AAPI individuals, Yang called upon Christians to put their faith in God in the face of wrongdoing. “We have this thing called faith, as Christians,” he said. “That faith gives us hope that God will be the one who will rise.” Yang also pointed forward to the day of Jesus’ return, stating, “On that day, we are united not just by the color of our skin. We will rise together as the children of God.”

Continuing the celebration of AAPI identity, the South Asian Student Association (SASA) presented a program

titled “Once Upon a Time In Bollywood” on April 10. The event included music, dance, food and a fashion show to help celebrate and honor South Asian culture.

On April 16, the Andrews Filipino International Association (AFIA) presented their annual Pilipino Culture Night which featured “Tagumpay,” a play written by Andrews student Alec Bofetiado. The production was presented via livestream and in person

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and told the story of a secret romance in 19th century colonial Philippines. All proceeds from the event were donated to the organization “Stop AAPI Hate!”

Michael Nixon, vice president for Diversity & Inclusion, says, “It was truly a pleasure to partner with the Center for Faith Engagement, the Proximity Vespers team as well as the leadership of a number of our student clubs to have our first-of-its-kind AAPI Heritage Month Celebration.”

As events were planned and announced, Nixon notes that there was a challenging but “amazing opportunity to begin a process that I hope will lead to better affirmation and inclusion of those in the Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander (NHPI) community on our campus.” He affirms the innovative creativity and commitment of the students involved, explaining, “In addition to the celebratory events, we were able to host critical conversations about the rise in hate crimes directed toward the AAPI community. It was deeply moving to hear reflections from our students as they talked about their collective experiences and what that moment meant for them.”



**Top:** Annual Pilipino Culture Night  
**Middle:** Panel discussion  
**Bottom:** Original art presentation at Proximity Vespers



# “Rise!”

*Black History Month 2021*

IN FEBRUARY, THE BLACK HISTORY Month Planning Committee was excited to engage the Andrews University community in “Rise!”—a month-long celebration of the resilience and perseverance of people from the African diaspora and the networks that support them.

Alyssa Palmer, associate dean for Student Life, says, “In the midst of racial tensions that continue to plague our country, the Black History Month Committee felt impressed to dedicate this year’s Black History Month events to rising above adversity. Through our programming and the theme we celebrated our resiliency and reaffirmed our status as overcomers.”

The celebration kicked off on Thursday, Feb. 4, at Black History Month (BHM) chapel, with a performance from Deliverance Mass Choir. Michael Nixon, vice president for Diversity & Inclusion, served as the moderator for a panel with Danielle Pilgrim, associate chaplain; Steve Yeagley, assistant vice president for Campus & Student Life; and Rayneau Victor, senior majoring in photography and religion. The panel discussed the struggles that Black people face in the United States amidst political unrest and a pandemic.

On Friday evening, Feb. 5, Celebration Sabbath Weekend began with Impact Vespers. Claudia Allen, an Andrews



**ABOVE, COUNTERCLOCKWISE:**

Panel discussion at BHM chapel ■ A musician performs at Impact Vespers ■ Deliverance Mass Choir performs for Celebration Sabbath New Life Fellowship ■ Berta Arroyo, executive chef, displays a special meal for BHM ■ Black Like Me: A Comedic Story Slam Event



alumnus who currently serves as online content manager for Message Magazine, joined the program virtually as the keynote speaker. She presented passionately on the important, unrecognized role Black women have played in both activism and the church, calling her listeners to unite in a collective understanding of shared experience and to rise together against injustice.

On Saturday, Feb. 6, New Life Fellowship’s service marked the beginning of its BHM series “Act Up,” which examined how the gospel calls individuals to create opportunities for justice. Claudia Allen’s sermon “Creating a Criminal” focused on Daniel 6, the story of King Cyrus’s administration which targeted people due to their nationality and religion. Emphasizing Daniel’s act of prayer as a protest, she encouraged, “No matter what perils we face, we can be overcomers because of God. Rise to pray, protest and work. Do not allow

laws of this land that target to seek and destroy you to prevent you from doing the work of God.”

Other BHM events included BSCF Spirit Week, Short Course—Film Series: “Black Boys” (Part I), Blackventist Praise, and Black Like Me: A Comedic Story Slam Event. Dining Services also provided a series of special meals in honor of Black History Month.

“I think that our Black History Month celebration served as a poignant point of reference as we reflected on the Black experience in the past and present and dreamed about how we can rise to the occasions that the future will present to us going forward,” comments Nixon. “I once again want to affirm the amazing leadership of our students who put so much thought, creative energy and effort into each year’s celebration. This year was another example of how much we can do, together, in the midst of a difficult and complex season of life.”

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# Virtual conferences on campus

*While the COVID-19 pandemic limited on-campus events at Andrews University, a number of annual gatherings moved online or became hybrid events*

**THE MUSIC & WORSHIP CONFERENCE**, hosted by the International Center for Worship & Music, took place Feb. 18–20 as a hybrid event. Andrews students and employees participated in person while other guests joined virtually. Approximately 50 individuals engaged in the programming, themed “God is No Respector of Persons: How Worshiping Together Cultivates Unity across the Divide.”

“The 2021 conference was truly exceptional and Spirit-filled,” says David Williams, assistant professor of worship and sacred music and co-director of the International Center for Worship & Music. “Our paper-presenter scholars and professionals gave outstanding papers. Our plenary speakers, Michaela Lawrence Jeffery and Sandra Montes, lectured on the biblical, theological and pastoral need for harmony in the church and local congregations. The academic highlight of the conference involved experts discussing a newly discovered and the earliest known Adventist audio recording, featuring a Black choir in Atlanta in 1926.”

He adds, “The heart of the conference, however, is worshipping together. Through the advancements of technology, all our in-person and online worshipers and attendees engaged in worship. The conference culminated in a biblical and sensory experience of ‘Worship through the Sanctuary,’ a life-changing experience of meditation and praise to God through the symbolism of the Sanctuary.”

**THE THEME OF THE MARCH 25 ANDREWS University Teaching & Learning Conference (AUTLC)** was “Resilience, Reimagining and Retooling: Teaching and Learning in Changing Environments.”

Educators and students from Andrews and other institutions from around the world shared scholarly work and best practices in education. The keynote

address was given by Cia Verschelden, a consultant with the American Association of Colleges and Universities and former vice president of Academic and Student Affairs of Malcolm X College. Her presentation was titled “Bandwidth Recovery: Helping Students Reclaim Cognitive Capacity Lost to Poverty, Racism, Trauma, Marginalization, and Uncertainty.”

“Since AUTLC was offered virtually this year, we were able to interact and collaborate with people from around the world,” says Anneris Coria-Navia, professor of curriculum and instruction and director of the Center for Teaching & Learning. “There were over 20 countries represented and more than 400 participants registered. This provided a great exchange of ideas and a richness to the conference that was greatly appreciated by the participants and the presenters. Since the virtual format was well received, we are considering continuing it even after restrictions for in-person gatherings are lifted.”

**THE ELLEN G. WHITE ISSUES SYMPOSIUM**, sponsored by the Center for Adventist Research, the Ellen G. White Estate Branch Office, and the Seventh-day

Adventist Theological Seminary’s Department of Church History, took place on April 5. The symposium aimed to break new ground in understanding how Ellen White and issues relating to her life, ministry and prophetic gift have current importance. Speakers included Alberto Timm and Merlin Burt, associate director and director, respectively, of the Ellen G. White Estate; James R. Nix, retired director of the Ellen G. White Estate; Denis Kaiser, assistant professor of church history and interim director for outreach and external affairs at the Center for Adventist Research; Abner F. Hernandez, assistant professor of church history; and Davide Sciarabba, assistant professor of religion.

“This year we had to hold the symposium for the first time in a virtual format, yet we received overwhelming positive feedback,” says Kaiser. “The attendance was larger than in previous years, even during the afternoon sessions and panel discussion. Students, presenters and other attendees from different parts of the world remarked that the mix of presentations truly broke new ground and stimulated them intellectually, spiritually and practically.”



*Music & Worship Conference panel*



# Spring graduation weekend

*Celebrating graduates in person and virtually*

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY'S SPRING GRADUATION took place May 7–9 and celebrated students receiving the 264 degrees awarded in fall 2020 and the 402 degrees awarded in spring 2021. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, students for the first time participated in weekend services both in-person and virtually. Although only graduates were able to attend the Commencement ceremonies directly and in person, friends and family were invited to submit video messages of congratulations and watch the services either online or at drive-in viewings in the Pioneer Memorial Church parking lot.

Ceremonies began on Friday, May 7, with the Commencement service for the College of Health & Human Services. In the evening, two services took place celebrating students for their achievements and heritage: the AULA (Andrews University Latino Association) Recognition Ceremony in the Seminary Chapel and the BSCF (Black Student Christian Forum) Rite of Passage Ceremony in the Howard Performing Arts Center.

On Saturday, May 8, Wintley A. Phipps, vocal artist, composer, senior pastor of the Palm Bay SDA Church in Palm Bay, Florida, and founder/CEO/president of U.S. Dream Academy, spoke for the two Baccalaureate services. His address was titled “An Enduring Mystery.”

Throughout the rest of the afternoon, various departments and schools gathered virtually or for limited in-person programs to celebrate graduates' achievements.

Later that evening, at the Dedication and Commencement for the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, R. Clifford Jones, president of the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, presented the dedication address “This is my Story.”



*A physically distanced Commencement service in Pioneer Memorial Church*



During the Commencement portion of the service, Wintley Phipps was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws for his exemplary leadership and commitment to bringing positive change and opportunities to those within his sphere of influence.

Phipps is an education activist, motivational speaker, author, pastor and world-renowned vocal artist. He has traveled the world, performing for several notable occasions and speaking for a variety of important events, awarded the prestigious Master of Influence Award by the National Speakers Association for his efforts. In addition, he is the founder, president and chief executive officer of U.S. Dream Academy, Inc. The non-profit organization offers mentoring and tutoring services to children of incarcerated parents and to children falling behind in school and living in high-risk environments. Nearly 10,000 students have been aided by the organization, which aims to build dreams, character, perseverance and academic skills. Through this important work, Phipps has highlighted the needs of children in America's underprivileged communities.

The final Commencement services took place on Sunday, May 9. The College of Education & International Services, College of Professions and the College of Arts & Sciences gathered in two services throughout the day.

Videos of the Commencement services and several other graduation programs can be found on the Andrews Facebook page and on the Andrews YouTube channel.



**FROM TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT:**  
President Luxton and Wintley Phipps, honorary degree recipient ■ School of Nursing Consecration Service ■ A team of University staff cleaning the PMC sanctuary between services ■ Celebrating at graduation ■ ITS staff Philip Roberts in the PMC control room

*Drive-in viewing for family and friends in the Pioneer Memorial Church parking lot*





## COVID-19 religious liberty report submitted to the G-20

Led by Nicholas Miller, Seminary professor, and Alexis Artaud de La Ferrière from the University of Portsmouth

AVENUES OF RESEARCH STEMMING from the COVID-19 pandemic have led to unique and invaluable insights in fields across the academic sphere. One such project, led by Nicholas P. Miller, professor of church history, and Alexis Artaud de La Ferrière, senior lecturer in sociology, University of Portsmouth, brings focus to “COVID-19 and Religious Liberty.” Sponsored by the Andrews University Religious Freedom Institute, the project seeks to find a fair balance between religious freedom and public health through constructive dialogue.

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As part of its commitment to international reach, the project launched a virtual conference in December 2020, sponsored by Andrews University, Brigham Young University Law School and the University of Portsmouth. The event invited scholars from across the U.S. and Canada to interact with those from Europe in order to understand similarities and differences between pandemic closings and religious freedom across countries. Miller explains, “This kind of comparison can help us understand how better to protect

religious freedom during public health emergencies.” Both Miller and Artaud de La Ferrière, along with BYU professors Cole Durham, Brett Scharffs and Rosa Maria de Codes, a Spanish scholar, moderated the two-day conference.

Most recently, in March 2021, the Andrews University International Religious Liberty Institute and professors Miller and Ferrière were invited to become part of the working group on Freedom of Religion and Belief for the G-20, a gathering of leading national governments dealing with economic and human rights issues. The paper was drafted with observations and findings from both the conference and forum, stressing the dual importance of a recognition of religious freedom and a protection of public health. Miller notes, “There are ways of protecting religious freedom and the ability of people to gather to worship, and also of protecting their health.” Professor Miller has been invited to Catera, Italy, from June 28–30 to present the policy paper findings to the Freedom of Religion or Belief group, in preparation for the full G-20 meetings in September.

Miller notes the profile this gives Andrews University in having “a seat at the table of discussion about religious freedom issues not only nationally, but internationally.” Edited papers will eventually be released as a special edition of a journal published by the International Religious Liberty Association, and the team plans to publish a book of additional materials.



Visit [covid-religiousliberty.org](https://covid-religiousliberty.org) for more information on the project



## International award for research

Received by School of Social & Behavioral Sciences team

Karl Bailey, professor of psychology, Harvey Burnett, chair of the School of Social & Behavioral Sciences, and Rachelle Pichot, graduate of Andrews University and currently a doctoral student at University of Notre Dame, have received the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) Cofounders Award for Excellence in Research. They received formal recognition for the award on May 25, 2021, during the 16th World Congress.

Bailey, Burnett (pictured) and Pichot's research examined Psychological Body Armor (PBA), a unique form of human resilience posited by George Everly Jr. Everly, cofounder of ICISF and the Critical Incident Stress Management multicomponent system that has been in use for over 30 years, nominated the team for their award.

Their research has been used by Everly to provide evidentiary support for the PBA model in his recently created online or live training in PBA. In fact, participants who take the course must read the team's research article in module 1 of the “Secrets of Psychological Body Armor” training.

Concepts from the research have also been incorporated into the new Andrews Core Experience “Wellness 360” course.



To read Bailey, Burnett and Pichot's research articles, visit <https://www.crisisjournal.org/article/13327> and <https://www.crisisjournal.org/article/10270>





## Howard Happenings

### CALENDAR

*This concert schedule is subject to change depending on the state guidelines of the COVID-19 pandemic at that time.*

#### **Howard Center Presents ...**

**Heritage Singers**  
Saturday, Sept. 11, 8:30 p.m.

**Jordan Feliz**  
Sunday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m.

**Anthony Brown & Group TherAPy**  
Sunday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m.

**Fischhoff Competition String Winners**  
Saturday, Oct. 9, 8 p.m.

**Jukebox Saturday Night**  
Sunday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.

**Chi Yong Yun**  
Sunday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m.

**Sunday Music Series: Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra**  
Sunday, Oct. 17, 4 p.m.

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**Clockwise, from top left column:** Stephen Zork, professor of music, "Celebrating the Light" Choral Concert, January 30 ■ BHM New Life Fellowship, February 6 ■ Sunday Music Series: Claricello—"Looking Forward," February 7 ■ "Stage & Screen" Wind Symphony Winter Concert, February 20 ■ "Chasing Away the Blues" Choral Concert, March 6 ■ Wind Symphony Vespers, March 19 ■ Cellist Gabriel Palacios performed at the Easter Tenebre with the Andrews University Choirs, April 2 ■ Lorian Guillaume performs at Sunday Music Series: Andrews University Composers, April 4 ■ "Rise Together" Proximity Vespers, April 9 ■ Tagumpay: Pilipino Culture Night, April 16 ■ Junior Class Award Night, April 17 ■ Jason Marquez performs at "The Hounds of Spring" Wind Symphony Concert, April 24

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# Mission and ministry

*Bruce Bauer leaves a legacy of innovation and leadership*

**BRUCE BAUER IS RETIRING AFTER 27** years of employment at Andrews University. During his time at Andrews, Bruce has been professor of world mission, director of the Doctor of Ministry program (twice), chair of the Department of World Mission, director of the Doctor of Missiology program, and editor of the Journal of Adventist Mission Studies.

Bruce initially came to Andrews University for his undergraduate studies and, during that time, became the first student missionary to go to Japan. “That year in Japan shaped my entire life and career,” he says.

Later, after graduation, Bruce and his wife moved to Japan in August 1969 to become the director of the SDA English Schools. From 1974–1975 they took their one-year furlough at Andrews University where Bruce earned his MA in religion. When the furlough was complete, Bruce returned to Japan to continue to guide the language schools and the 30-plus student missionaries.

He then worked as president for the Guam Micronesia Mission from 1984–1989, which also included being board chair of six K–12 schools. “In 1988 we set a goal to raise money and build

eight churches. We got them done. A lot of the islanders had felt that going to church in classrooms wasn’t what they were looking for. We sent out 400–500 letters to family or people who might be interested in supporting us,” says Bruce. It turned out to be the project that he most enjoyed.

Bruce returned to Andrews University in 1989, this time as faculty. Among his many initiatives, Bruce helped start the first international Doctor of Ministry program in India and then led out in additional ones in England, Nigeria, Kenya and Russia. “We found that there was an interest in the Doctor of Ministry overseas,” he says. “We wrote a proposal for the Association of Theological

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Schools [ATS] asking permission to offer the complete DMin at Spicer College. ATS did a site visit and gave its approval. I think Andrews University was the first ATS school to offer an international Doctor of Ministry,” says Bruce.

Bruce also established the Journal of Adventist Mission Studies, now in its 17th year. At the start, Andrews had very little money for the project, so several professors in the department contributed \$100 each. Bruce felt it was a priority to create the magazine to benefit future missionaries. He says, “I always felt SDAs were good missionaries, but they never wrote about their approaches or things learned.” The magazine was originally in print form with subscriptions, but today it is only in digital format with 18,000–20,000 full-text downloads per month. It is the most downloaded item on Andrews University Digital Commons.

Reflecting on his Andrews career, Bruce says, “Being a professor is a lifelong journey to grow and discover a deeper understanding of one’s chosen field ... Mission is a great field, practical, relevant and challenging. With the growth of multicultural cities and thus churches, the study of mission is a must for 21st century ministry.”

Bruce has enjoyed the connections he’s experienced with his colleagues, as well. “We’ve always had good comradery, even with our PhD students. We just stand around and interact and talk about real issues. We’ve never had people who didn’t get along; it’s just been a very positive experience,” he says.

In retirement, Bruce plans on continuing to do what he loves. He says, “My wife and I will stay in Berrien Springs. I will continue as the editor of the Journal of Adventist Mission Studies, continue to write, and enjoy gardening, hiking, cross-country skiing, birding, and hopefully will soon have the ability to travel again, and continue to teach contract classes.”



# A global journey

*Gorden Doss retires after 22 years of service*

IN 1997 GORDEN DOSS MADE THE TWO-hour drive from his home at Lakeview Seminary to Lilongwe, the capital city of Malawi, Africa. He had spent 15 years in Malawi with missionary parents and 16 years with his own family. On that day in Lilongwe, he connected with the new wonder of global communication, CompuServe email. One of the emails was an invitation from Jon Dybdahl to join the Department of World Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, which he did in January 1998.

Upon arriving at Andrews University, Gorden was asked to enhance the education he had obtained at Andrews (BA '72, MDiv '75, DMin '87) with further studies at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. At Trinity, he had the privilege of studying with renowned missiologist Paul Hiebert, whose name appears on his PhD dissertation.

The 22 years at Andrews were very good ones, says Gorden. "From the very beginning, colleagues and administrators were warm and friendly and the environment has been conducive to good teaching and learning. The opportunities to learn and expand my knowledge have been amazing. Watching and interacting with the different groups of students as they have moved through the programs has been fascinating."

International courses and conferences have made up an important part of his work assignment. These have included teaching Doctor of Ministry cohorts in the United Kingdom, Nigeria and Kenya. Annual meetings of the General Conference Global Mission Issues Committee brought interaction with denominational leaders. He frequently assisted the General Conference Institute of World Mission with Mission Institutes in Thailand, Kenya, Turkey, Greece and at Andrews University. The General Conference Biblical Research Institute conducted a long-running series of Theology

and Mission conferences in numerous countries, where he was a presenter. In 2018 he published the first-ever comprehensive Adventist mission textbook, "Introduction to Adventist Mission."

Jon and Kathy Dybdahl introduced Gorden and his wife Cheryl to the Campus Center Dialogue Sabbath School class, which became a major source of fellowship and blessing. Gorden notes that "Interacting with people of true faith from the humanities and scientific disciplines has given a fresh perspective for one whose life and work have been in the pastoral-theological fields."

Pioneer Memorial Church, with MDiv classmate Dwight Nelson in the pulpit, has been a beloved home church. The whispering and thundering of the Casavant pipe organ, with Ken Logan at the

**"Watching and interacting with the different groups of students as they have moved through the programs has been fascinating."**

keyboard, moves Gorden and reminds him of listening to C. Warren Becker when he was a student. The major addition to Seminary Hall, the new Buller Hall, the Howard Performing Arts Center and the new campus entrance are among developments that stand out during his time at Andrews.

The Doss family is rich in Andrews alumni. Gorden's father-in-law, Victor Brown, was a four-time graduate (BA '51, MA '60, BD '66, DMin '77). His wife, Cheryl Brown Doss (BS '72, MA '98), studied with him at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, earned a PhD, and later became director of the Institute of World Mission and adjunct professor at Andrews University. Their children,



Kristi Doss Kiš (BA '00), son-in-law Adam Kiš (BS '00), Richard Doss (MDiv '06), and daughter-in-law Hadassah Rodriguez Doss (student teaching) are raising four grandchildren who await their opportunity to attend Andrews. The extended family includes many others who are alumni.

Gorden retired as emeritus professor of world mission at the end of 2020, following 22 years at Andrews University, for a total of 48 years working for the Adventist Church. He and Cheryl will remain in Berrien Springs, where they will teach when requested and continue to enjoy the fellowship and many opportunities available as part of the Andrews University family.



# Contributing to change over a lifetime

*Ron Neumann retires after 46.5 years as technology staff*

**BORN IN THE BERRIEN SPRINGS AREA**, then raised and schooled at Emmanuel Missionary College/Andrews University from first grade through college, Ron Neumann has experienced a unique, firsthand role in the growth and development of the campus for over 46 years.

Ron began his first job at Andrews as a student in the fall of 1970, starting an official staff position in 1974. He credits his strong work ethic to his parents and, although he originally envisioned himself as an electrician, he instead took a different path. During his time as a University staff member, he fulfilled a variety of roles, including computer operations assistant supervisor, manager's miscellaneous, director assistant, and computer operations manager.

He recalls, "I started out as a mainframe computer operator—one computer for the whole campus and all the information came out on paper!" One of his proudest accomplishments came through working on adjustments to campus as technology changed, noting the outcome: "Now everyone has their own computer with distributed printing nearby."

Later in his career, Ron switched to the Office of Telecommunications, working in phone and voicemail maintenance, helping with the campus cable system, and installing data lines for computers, wireless access points, cameras and more. Some of his favorite memories over the years have emerged as he interacted with fellow employees, fostering lifetime friendships and fulfilling his various responsibilities on campus.

Ron says his work was ever-changing, each day bringing unique tasks and challenges. He describes being in places on campus most people will never be: "crawling around in ceilings, working in steam tunnels, working in restricted access areas (with permission), operat-

ing a scissor-lift, operating a big Genie boom lift, operating a bucket truck." In short, he says, "You never know from one day to the next what new things you will be doing."

He has also been a part of numerous major construction projects, from Buller Hall, Damazo Hall, the Andrews Prayer Center, the Architecture Workshop and the Andreasen Center for Wellness to renovations in Nethery Hall, Griggs Hall

**"I started out as a mainframe computer operator—one computer for the whole campus and all the information came out on paper!"**

and the Physical Therapy building. The impact of his work, both big and small, can be felt throughout the entire University. He proudly states, "I think I can say I have done work in every building on this campus during my career, including the Airpark, Horn Museum and University Apartments."

Having spent his life at Andrews, Ron voices his appreciation for the beautiful campus, several outstanding student employees and friendly mentors found in staff and faculty. In addition to a short commute between work and home, he valued the atmosphere of work to be done, as well as the support he received from supervisors and administration.

Although he has officially retired, Ron will continue to work on a part-time basis as needed, staying in touch with the campus. He will remain in the area to be with family and plans on doing some gardening with both flowers and vegetables, lawn work, home maintenance, and a little cooking and baking. Good naturedly, he expresses, "Like a lot of people, it seems like I have more work to do than time to get it done!" Nonetheless, he plans to continue "plugging along," finding ways to stay busy and make progress on campus and at home.







## New University Wellness leadership

*Rachel Keele appointed as director*

RACHEL KEELE HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF University Wellness, paired with the position as director of the Andreason Center for Wellness. The roles were left open by Dominique Gummelt, who became the first director of University Wellness in 2015 and served at Andrews until May 2021 when she pursued a new opportunity as a wellness expert and entrepreneur.

Keele holds a master's degree in educational psychology and is certified as a Precision Nutrition Coach, ACSM Personal Trainer, STRONG Nation Instructor, CrossFit Trainer and mobility instructor.

Keele's previous professional experiences at Andrews University included roles providing guest and customer services, general leadership to the Lamson Health Club operations, supervision and mentoring of large student labor work teams as well as other work assignments in marketing and communication. Over the past decade, Keele's passion for health and wellness was manifested in her own personal dedication to health principles and practices as well as in her extensive experience of providing inspirational health and fitness coaching and instruction.

Over the past year, Keele provided outstanding, dedicated service to the University as the interim director of the Andreason Center, leading the Center's team as they planned and implemented a successful reopening with careful attention to customer concerns and COVID-19 mitigation protocols.

As she now also begins work as the director of University Wellness, she will be supported by a campus-wide team of Wellness Ambassadors and a core University Wellness advisory team.

Keele says, "I'm really looking forward to connecting with our campus family over these next few months and learning how the Center and University Wellness can better serve them."

## MOSKALA RECEIVES RESEARCH AWARD

*Honored by Associated Church Press*

JIRÍ MOSKALA, DEAN OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST Theological Seminary at Andrews University, received an Honorable Mention award from the Associated Church Press at the "Best of the Church Press Awards" on April 8, 2021, for his research published in Ministry magazine. Moskala says, "I am honored to receive this prestigious award for my research, which was recognized for a creative contribution in exploring how a deep relationship with God springs from His refreshing Presence and is rooted in His powerful Word. The Lord's Presence is a journey into the mind and heart of God."

Moskala's article, "Your Face, Lord, I Will Seek: Toward the Theology of the Face of God," was published in the November 2020 issue of Ministry. The article was an in-depth study based on original research that examined the meaning of the Hebrew term *panim* which signifies "face" or "presence" in English.

"Seeing God's face means to enjoy and cultivate His Presence in everyday life so that it becomes an integral part of a lifestyle," says Moskala. "God's Presence means everything to believers because without God's Presence we are not able to do anything meaningful and lasting. The face of God provides emotional stability and balance in a world of loneliness, anxiety and fear; the face of God brings intellectual strength and guidance and transforms our lives."

The full article can be read in "Current: Faith Meets Life and Culture," available on Andrews University Digital Commons.





## Khair joins chaplain team

*In newly established Center for Faith Engagement*

PRESCOTT KHAIR IS THE NEW ASSOCIATE chaplain for the Center for Faith Engagement (formerly Campus Ministries) and a member of the pastoral staff at Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC). While the position is funded by the Michigan Conference, Khair holds the same standing and responsibilities as the rest of the executive team at the Center for Faith Engagement (CFE).

Given the important role this chaplain position plays in connecting the University and PMC, José Bourget, University chaplain, says, “We are very excited to have Prescott Khair join the CFE executive team as an associate chaplain. He is also uniquely positioned by his service to the pastoral staff at PMC.”

Khair graduated from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in 2018, completing a Master of Divinity, and is currently pursuing an MBA from Raymond A. Mason School of Business at William & Mary. He worked for multiple departments on campus during his time at Andrews, including the Center for Youth Evangelism, the Department of Physical Therapy, and as seminary pastor. Most recently, Khair served as the lead pastor for the Bowling Green Seventh-day Adventist

Church in Glasgow, Kentucky. He has also published multiple articles and devotional series and recorded podcasts centered around devotions and the church.

To describe his approach to ministry, Khair explains, “I’m an outgoing introvert who loves seeing people flourish in their relationships with God and in life. I’m here to help people find their fit in this world and refine their relationship with God.”

Bourget highlights the strengths that Khair brings to this role. “Chaplain Khair’s experience as a pastor, along with his MDiv and MBA and his distinct ability to help students identify and develop their passions and skills, makes him a perfect fit for our campus.”

As a campus chaplain, Khair will work directly with students, aiding them in their faith journey. He will also contribute his skills in organizational development to CFE’s movement toward a more integrated faith model. Bourget describes the changes taking place in CFE, noting the intentional pivot of “the University faith experience toward a mentoring and relational framework to inspire students to be disciples of God and fulfill their life’s calling.”

Bourget further explains CFE’s approach. “In order to have a vibrant and transformational faith experience as a university, we need chaplains who can work with students and offer resources and support to empower all employees to effectively engage students’ faith. Chaplain Khair’s philosophy of ministry recognizes that we are a University with thousands of students, three chaplains, and hundreds of ministering employees.”

Khair and his wife, Korissa, believe they were led back to Michigan by a call from God. Khair shares, “I really believe it was what God had planned for our next step. I am excited to see what’s next in our adventure with God because there’s nowhere better than being right at the front of where God’s leading.”



## New book by Davidson

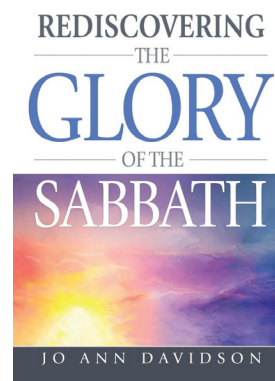
*Exploring the gift of Sabbath*

JO ANN DAVIDSON, PROFESSOR OF systematic theology, recently wrote “Rediscovering the Glory of the Sabbath.” The manuscript was requested by Pacific Press and subsequently published in 2020.

“Some might wonder why Seventh-day Adventists, of all people, need another book about the biblical Sabbath,” says Davidson. “However, our teaching about the Sabbath has often concentrated on which is the correct day. This

is vital and must continue, but knowing the right day is not nearly all there is to it.”

Davidson’s book explores the idea that “remembering” the seventh-day Sabbath (Exodus 20:8) is part of a divinely created



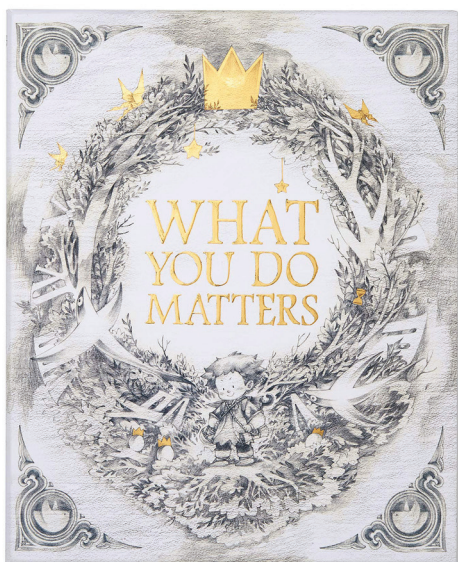
pattern of life, a generous gesture of pure grace from the Creator that cannot be earned—it comes as a gift just like salvation.

She notes that Adam and Eve were given the Sabbath before they sinned or even worked. The Creator set apart their very first full day of life as blessed time to rest in His finished work (Genesis 2:2–3).

Davidson says, “The Sabbath gives time to accept the invitation of Jesus and be restored in Him: ‘Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden ... Take My yoke upon you ... and you will find **rest for your souls**’ (Matthew 11:28–29, emphasis added).”

She adds, “Since the very next narrative in Matthew speaks of the Sabbath, the connection with ‘soul rest’ is clear! The Sabbath reminds us that nothing we do could make God love us more.”





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# 2021 Employee Awards

The 2021 annual Employee Awards Celebration was held virtually for the first time on Sunday, Feb. 28. The evening featured reader's theater segments of the children's books in "What You Do Matters," musical selections and recorded presentations. A total of 84 people were recognized for a combined 1,600 years of service at Andrews University, in addition to nine more individuals for their excellence in teaching, faith engagement, research, creative scholarship and service. It was a team effort with many individuals working behind the scenes to affirm recipients in new ways, including recording surprise video presentations to the nine employees who received merit awards.

## Faith Engagement Award

**Everett Wiles**, Assistant Professor of Broadcast Journalism, Department of Visual Art, Communication & Design

## Siegfried H. Horn Excellence in Research & Creative Scholarship Award

**Anneris Coria-Navia**, Professor of Curriculum & Instruction, Department of Teaching, Learning & Curriculum

**Chi Yong Yun**, Professor of Music, Department of Music

## Daniel A. Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Award

**Vanessa Corredera**, Chair/Associate Professor of English, Department of English

**Cedric Vine**, Associate Professor of New Testament, Department of New Testament

## Staff Excellence in Service Award

**Janine Lim**, Associate Dean, School of Distance Education; Associate Professor of Educational Technology, College of Education & International Services

**Benjamin Panigot**, Chief/Director, Office of Campus Safety

**A'Lisa Sorensen**, Dean, Lamson Hall

## Inaugural J.N. Andrews Service Award

**Daniel Hamstra**, Director of Telecommunications, Office of Information Technology Services

## Ten individuals were recognized for 25 years of service:

**Dayle Birney**, Crops Manager, Andrews University Farm

**Larry Burton**, Professor of Teacher Education, Department of Teaching, Learning & Curriculum

**Kathy Koudele**, Chair, Department of Sustainable Agriculture

**Desmond Murray**, Associate Professor of Chemistry, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry

**Rhonda Peak**, Collections Manager, Office of Student Financial Services

**Anna Piskozub**, Accreditation, Assessment & Graduate Records Officer, College of Education & International Services

**John Reeve**, Assistant Professor of Church History, Department of Church History

**David Sherwin**, Assistant Professor of Photography, Department of Visual Art, Communication & Design

**Tim Trine**, Director, Client Services, Office of Information Technology Services

**Lily Vajdic**, Lead Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, Children's Learning Center [Crayon Box]

## The following six employees have served for 30 years:

**Jimmy Kijai**, Professor of Research and Statistical Methodology, Department of Graduate Psychology & Counseling

**Ronald Knott**, Director, Andrews University Press

**John Markovic**, Professor of History, Department of History & Political Science

**David Nowack**, Professor of Biochemistry, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry

**Tom Straman**, Building Supervisor, Office of Custodial Services

**Socorro Terrero**, Assistant Custodial Supervisor, Lamson Hall

## Another six employees have devoted most of their professional careers to Andrews University. They have each spent 35 years serving this institution:

**David Faehner**, Vice President for University Advancement

**Frances Faehner**, Vice President for Campus & Student Life

**Cynthia Helms**, Head of Information Services, Associate Professor of Library Science, James White Library

**Glenn Russell**, Chair, Department of Religion & Biblical Languages

**Randall Younker**, Professor of Archaeology and History of Antiquity, Department of Old Testament

## Forty years of service is a major commitment to the life of Andrews University. These two individuals have both achieved this distinction:

**Oystein LaBianca**, Senior Research Professor of Anthropology, School of Social & Behavioral Sciences

**Rhonda Root**, Assistant Dean, College of Arts & Sciences; Professor of Art, School of Architecture & Interior Design

**Jeannie Wolfer**, Certification Registrar, Department of Teaching, Learning & Curriculum, joined an elite group of employees who have worked 45-plus years at Andrews University.



# A Culture of Service

*Meet alumni and students who are changing their world.*

*World Changers Week, hosted by the Center for Faith Engagement, took place March 15–19, 2021. It featured online releases of the following alumni profiles and a program each evening for the campus community. Both Andrews University alumni and students shared how their experiences bring them continued growth and how their work makes a positive impact on their world.*



# World Changers Week



## Diana Cordero Ortiz

**When did you attend Andrews and what did you study? How were you involved on campus?**

I attended Andrews University from 2012–2016. I was a student dean at Lamson Hall and involved in the Accounting Club as well as the French Club.

**Describe your current work.**

I currently work for the General Conference Auditing Service (GCAS) Trans Euro Asia Area as an audit staff. While I am home-based in France, I serve as part of an international team that does policy and financial audits. I verify and test financial statements to prove they are a “true and fair” representation of their entity.

**Why are you doing what you are doing?**

**How are you influencing your community?**

I am doing what I am doing because it was a job opportunity presented to me that I could not pass up. I loved traveling to meet new clients (Europe and a little of Asia), and I of course loved the auditing part of it. And why not work for the community that I have spent my whole life knowing—the Adventist church? I quickly found out that our structure has a mission at heart and I’m happy to be a part. I also love educating on how our structure works (example, tithe and offerings).

**How did your Andrews experience impact your calling or your work?**

Andrews allowed me to be in a position where I was able to relate to people of multiple cultures and positions. This allowed me to learn different styles of leadership and human living, all of which taught me how to be able to read and lead people.

**What advice would you have for Andrews students as they prepare for life after university?**

Three things:

- ADULTING is NOT easy! It hits you HARD!! BUT you’re not alone in that transition.
- You have time for everything! Don’t be in a rush!!
- Life is rich in multiple ways, not just one.

## Erin Johnson

**When did you attend Andrews and what did you study? How were you involved on campus?**

I attended Andrews from 2008–2013. I studied English and secondary education with a minor in history. The most involved I was on campus was my two years as an RA in Lamson Hall.

**Describe your current work.**

I am currently working as a teacher at Campion Academy in Loveland, Colorado. I was the assistant girl’s dean and American Literature teacher for seven years. This is my first year working out of the dorm and teaching full-time. I teach sophomore English, American Literature, World Geography and Drama. I am also the head Student Association sponsor.

**Why are you doing what you are doing? How are you influencing your community?**

I feel a calling to help teens find the importance of reading and writing for themselves. Teenagers are becoming more and more self-centered every year, and I believe reading and being aware of other people in the world can help them to make choices that benefit people outside of themselves. They need to see how others live, especially those who lead different lives than what they are used to. Most importantly it helps them to grow and be more self-aware.



I hope I am influencing my community by helping its future occupants be more aware of the needs of their communities and to use their own passions and skills to make positive changes.

**How did your Andrews experience impact your calling or your work?**

When I went to Andrews the last thing I wanted to be was a teacher, until my sophomore year when I took Young Adult Literature from Dr. Doug Jones. That class made me see that teaching is using my passion for reading and for being creative. After that semester I signed up with the School of Education and started on the road to being a teacher. My Andrews experience also helped me to trust in God. I work with teens who are lost and confused, but if I can show them that God has not left my side and that His plans for me are still in the works, then they will see that He will never leave them and that He also has a plan for them. And, of course, living among such a diverse group of students has helped me to better relate to others who are different from me.

**What advice would you have for Andrews students as they prepare for life after university?**

Just like me with my red pen when I grade papers, God will be making corrections with whatever plans you have for yourself—so be flexible with your plans. Lastly, do not compare yourselves too much with those who have worked in the field longer than you. I made that mistake so many times with my coworkers who have been teaching much longer than I have. Use those veterans as your mentors and ask questions. Never stop asking questions and getting feedback.





## Kevin Wilson

### When did you attend Andrews and what did you study? How were you involved on campus?

I attended Andrews University from 2009 to 2017. I graduated in 2014 with a BA in theology with a certificate in leadership and then graduated from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary with an MDiv in 2017.

In undergrad I was a resident advisor in Meier Hall during my sophomore and junior years. In 2013 I was elected religious vice president of the Andrews University Student Association (AUSA) and also the religious vice president for the Adventist Intercollegiate Association (AIA). I also helped out as a worship coordinator for the Andrews Ministerial Association for the Department of Religion & Biblical Languages. In my junior year, I joined Campus Ministries as a student chaplain where I founded “Triads,” a campus discipleship initiative that spanned a few years. I also took a year off as a student missionary to serve in Beirut, Lebanon, as a Bible teacher at an Adventist high school.

I was a student dean for Meier Hall toward the latter part of Seminary. During this time I also helped Campus Ministries with organizing and coordinating various events.

### Describe your current work.

I am currently an associate pastor at the Oceanside SDA Church in California since graduating from the Seminary in 2017. In addition to leading the high school and young adult ministries at my local church, I lead a social media following of 168K across TikTok, Instagram, YouTube, Twitter and Facebook centered around storytelling through chai.

### Why are you doing what you are doing? How are you influencing your community?

I believe every follower of Jesus has a ministry. The apostle Paul calls this the “Ministry of Reconciliation,” which is to do all things with the ultimate intention of reducing the

gaps between others and God. As a pastor, I try to do this by journeying with a tribe of individuals God has entrusted to us as they pursue wholeness in Christ.

As a content creator/influencer, I attempt to do this by helping people think meaningfully about their lives through storytelling. Over the course of a year, I have gained a following of around 154K friends on TikTok who are united around their love for chai and meaningful storytelling. The account was featured in the New York Times, Yahoo, Forbes and other news publications within and outside the Adventist church. This platform has allowed me to build bridges with different cultures, form friendships with non-believers, raise awareness for social injustices, and inspire many to use their own platforms to amplify their impact.

### How did your Andrews experience impact your calling or your work?

I came to the U.S. as an 18-year-old immigrant, having left all of my family behind in Oman. Andrews University provided the nurturing space I never knew I needed to navigate new geographical and ideological terrain. The diversity of the student body, the mentoring relationships with my teachers, and the many opportunities to lead prepared me for the real world in ways I could not have had I gone to a different educational institution. This quote from Africa distills my view of Andrews: “A fish knows the beauty of water once it is outside of it.” By providing many spaces where I was encouraged to engage with the “other,” Andrews taught me to reframe my “out-of-placeness” as a precursor for self-acceptance. The education and the friendships I’d made at Andrews continue to remind me that my story is not a liability but an asset—a sacred ground from which I can meaningfully engage with the world.

### What advice would you have for Andrews students as they prepare for life after university?

Find ways to document your experiences. This time is precious and you’ll never experience it the same way again. The medium does not matter as long as it allows you to have a dialogue with yourself.

Creating is the best way to learn anything. The more you take what you learn and transform it into creative work that you are proud of, the more you will retain the information but also use it to move the world forward in obvious ways.

The Way of Jesus is the best Life OS (operating system), contributing to a life that is physiologically holistic, existentially hopeful, relationally other-centered. An honest pursuit toward Him can be the ultimate adventure of your life.

## Matt Master

### When did you attend Andrews and what did you study? How were you involved on campus?

I attended Andrews from 2008 until 2013 and majored in communication with a minor in English writing.

I tried to take on as many extracurricular activities as possible to make the most of my time at Andrews. I participated in many intramural sports and played for the University soccer team, volunteered at campus worships and club events, and represented the University on the Van Andel Millennial Board, a consortium of representatives from 13 private colleges and universities in Michigan. I also spent much of my time involved in music and worship at the University. I sang as a part of the University Singers, Men’s Chorus and University Chorale, played French horn for the Wind Symphony, and was an active praise leader on campus. I also had the privilege to serve in Campus Ministries as a student chaplain for my last three years of undergraduate.

### Describe your current work.

Currently I work for AdventHealth, a healthcare company that focuses on whole-person care with the distinct mission of “Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ.” As an Agile Product Owner, I work with leaders in our organization to solve enterprise level problems through application development. For example, at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, our organization closed all non-essential service lines to help slow the spread of the virus. This meant that many of our employees were without work, while at the same time many of our 50+ hospitals experienced surges of COVID patients. Working with key stakeholders throughout AdventHealth, our team was able to quickly build an application that would allow us to rapidly redeploy employees from closed

service lines to facilities experiencing a surge. This app was crucial in providing care in the areas that needed it most while saving our organization millions of dollars in agency costs.





**Why are you doing what you are doing? How are you influencing your community?**

I work in healthcare because I am passionate about providing care to the caregivers. By using application development to solve organizational problems, I have the unique opportunity to really listen to our team members and provide tangible assistance in the form of custom applications. On a deeper level, I am able to live out the mission of extending the healing ministry of Christ by supporting healing within the workplace at AdventHealth.

Through work, I am able to make a difference by providing better healthcare to my community. At church, I am the minister of music and have the privilege of mentoring musicians of all ages. I am also a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) which allows me to network with other healthcare administrators to both discuss and provide solutions to real problems that affect my community.

**How did your Andrews experience impact your calling or your work?**

The mentors and teachers that I had at Andrews reinforced the idea that work could be a calling. Admittedly, I did not exactly know what I wanted to do as a profession when I graduated from Andrews, but my experience taught me that it was okay not to know. I learned that it is far more important to get out and do than to rely on a single plan. Not to say planning isn't important, but learning to adjust my plans and to better myself through it all has led me to where I am in my career.

**What advice would you have for Andrews students as they prepare for life after university?**

Ask questions to deepen your understanding. This applies to both your interactions with others and your interactions with yourself. Treat every interaction as an opportunity to learn from another perspective and to question your own thoughts and perceptions, and you will find both your curiosity and humility will exponentially increase.

## *Mausharie Valentine*

**When did you attend Andrews and what did you study? How were you involved on campus?**

I attended Andrews from 2009–2013 to study architecture. I am highly intrigued by technology, so my most fond memories of campus life were contributing to worship experiences through developing creative content for campus worship experiences. I also really enjoyed serving as a part of outreach groups on Sabbath afternoons with children, doing mission trips in the summer and designing the campus master plan as a part of our fifth-year project.

**Describe your current work.**

I currently work at Progressive AE in Grand Rapids, Michigan, an architectural and engineering firm that places emphasis on creative people developing strategic spaces. As an architect, I collaborate with clients and my team members to envision and create places that realize the unique potential each project embodies. This is done through creative writing, drawings, renderings, animations and developing innovative ways to connect with others in an authentic manner. When this work of planning and designing is done in an authentic manner, it has a greater chance of realizing its highest potential of being a beloved place for all people for a longer duration.

**Why are you doing what you are doing? How are you influencing your community?**

Ever since I was a young child, I have always wanted to help people. Working alongside my parents to serve others stirred up a desire to want to serve God in a manner that touched the lives of others. Over the years, that has realized itself in the way that I express myself, encourage others and use technology to enhance the lives of others around me.

I love working in my local church especially knowing that every effort I commit to God builds His kingdom and brings His return sooner. I function in a variety of roles at my local church, Bethel Community SDA, with my favorite being the media ministry team leader expanding the way we reach and engage others through digital media. At my office, I currently co-chair the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee so that every engagement our employees have is improved in the way we engage with others in our industry and our community beyond. ACE (Architecture, Construction, Engineering) Mentor Program has been a delightful way of engaging students and youth from all walks of life to explore careers in architecture, construction and engineering. This year's cohort was exhilarating being that the students wanted to design a dignified homeless shelter for Grand Rapids, Michigan, that supports the mind, body and spirit beautifully. My favorite way to influence

my community is through talking to students. Sharing about my path to serving others through architecture and seeing young minds ready to take up the challenge is in itself inspiring.

**How did your Andrews experience impact your calling or your work?**

Andrews University has and may always play a pivotal role in the person I am continually becoming. I chose the Andrews University School of Architecture due to its emphasis on developing communities for people. My engagement with my professors and mentors on campus expanded my mind to unique ways of helping others and engaging in meaningful ways. Some of my favorite ways of serving others and the body of Christ are skill sets I garnered in the architecture program as well as being a part of the Pioneer Memorial Church media team. Andrews has not stopped being a place of education for me as I continue to learn from the leaders and world changers still on campus expanding the minds of young adults.



**What advice would you have for Andrews students as they prepare for life after university?**

If I were to write a letter titled "Dear Younger Me," three things come to my mind that I would want to encourage myself and my peers.

Strive to be your authentic self. YOU are the only you, and God has a unique calling on your life. Emulate Christ, glean wisdom from your elders and press forward to the high mark of your calling (Jeremiah 29:11).

Be courageous. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous" (Joshua 1:9). If God be for us who (in all the entire universe) could be against us? (Romans 8:31). The answer: no one. Courage is best seen during trial and difficulty when our faith is being tested.

There is in fact a time for everything, including joy along the journey. " ... He has made everything beautiful in its time ... He has also set eternity in the human heart ... and [to] find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God" (Ecclesiastes 3:9–14).

To view the World Changers Week evening programs, visit the Andrews University YouTube channel.

# World Changers Week

By Laura Malcolm

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY IS HONORED TO announce the renaming of the Harvest Run to the Bradley Family Harvest Run beginning in 2021, thanks to the generous endowment by Dr. Fay Bradley, a friend of the University. This gift will enable us to continue offering the Bradley Family Harvest Run to the Andrews University and Berrien County, Michigan, community for years to come.

**Fay Bradley, JD, MD**, a veteran who was employed full-time as a physician before his retirement, was an avid runner who redefined what is possible for masters running. At age 45, he raced a 2:26:45 marathon in the 1983 Boston Marathon. Two years later, Bradley won the Lombardi 10k in Washington D.C. In 1990, he ranked sixth in the master's mile, racing a mile in a blisteringly fast 4:40.08, two seconds ahead of seventh-place James Ryun who was a silver medalist in the 1968 Olympics and widely considered the world's top middle-distance runner for years.

Bradley excelled in his younger years as well, starting his running career as a hurdler and quarter-miler. Decades later, he would fondly speak of his first two pairs of running shoes, reminiscing about his black and white high-top Converse All-Stars. Bradley finished in second place in the Kansas State High School Championships in the high and low hurdles as well as on the 4x440 relay team. In 1958, Bradley won both the high and low hurdles at the junior college national championships and was the Kansas Relays high hurdles champion in 1959. It wasn't until his mid-30s when Bradley became competitive at distance road racing, however, attributing his brother Earl (a 24-time Boston Marathon finisher) with getting him into running. Bradley qualified for his first Boston Marathon in 1975, racing an impressive 2:51 marathon at the age of 37. In total, he raced the Boston Marathon 34 times—an astounding accomplishment, as those who know the difficulty of earning a spot into the Boston Marathon can attest! He finished third in the men's 50-and-over competition in 1991, placing 275th overall

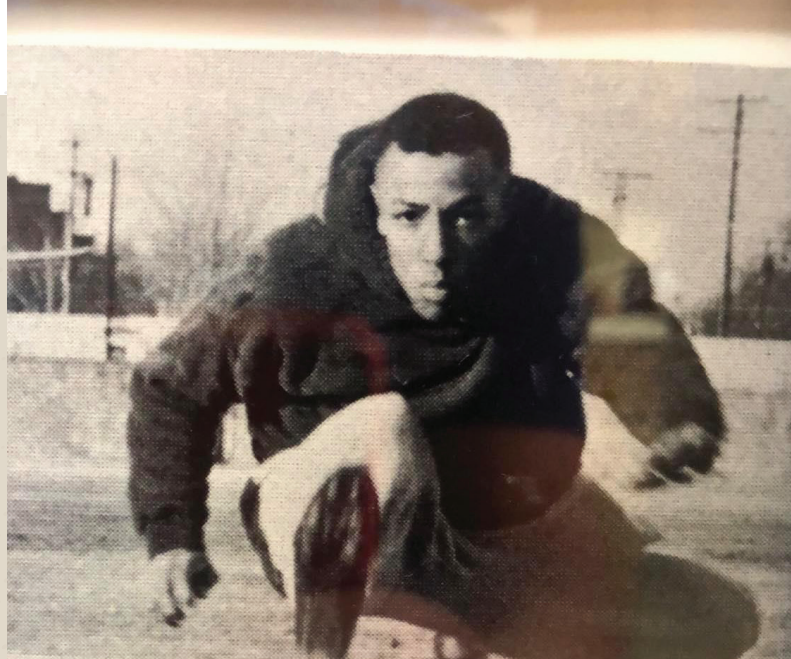


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# Bradley Family Harvest Run



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and earning mention about his accomplishment in the Washington Post. In 1994 he raced a 2:39:47 marathon and was ranked among the top three or four 55-to-59 competitors in the United States.

In addition to his many impressive running achievements, Bradley had a heart for others and made a point of giving back to both the running community and to Andrews.

He served as the president of the American Running and Fitness Association for years and wrote articles on injury prevention for runners. In 2015, he was given the Andrews University Spirit of Philanthropy award.

He was quoted as saying, “My interest and focus at this time is to promote an active lifestyle for the general masses. Everyone should have a regular physical activity to participate in” (Running Times, March 1995). Bradley passed away on Jan. 14, 2021, one day after his 83rd birthday, after a battle with cancer.

We are so grateful to Dr. Bradley for his interest in promoting running within our community and are proud to now introduce the Bradley Family Harvest Run.

**Laura Malcolm** (BBA '11) is associate director of the Office of Alumni Services.

# BRADLEY FAMILY HARVEST RUN

Save the date—September 26, 2021

**THE ANNUAL HARVEST RUN, NOW THE Bradley Family Harvest Run**, has been hosted on the campus each fall during Homecoming weekend, when a group of athletes gather in the crisp air behind a starting line. These athletes are a diverse combination of Andrews students, employees, out-of-town alumni and local community members. They are a mix of young and old, fit and not, confident and nervous, experienced runners and first-time racers. Some will blow away their competition with a blistering sub-6-minute/mile pace, while others will walk the course chatting with friends. Nearly every single one of them will cross the finish line with a smile on their face, celebrating their personal accomplishment and full of endorphins from the exercise and beautiful early-autumn scenery.

This is the annual Harvest Run, hosted on the campus of Andrews University by the Office of Alumni Services for over 30 years. The race started off as a simple 5k around the campus perimeter. In recent years it has evolved into an event with 5k, 10k and 1-mile (walk) options. The goal is to impart a joy of running and wellness by providing a well-organized, chip-timed local race opportunity that's easily accessible to students and visiting alumni while visibly opening the doors of Andrews University to others in Berrien County.

The 5k and 10k routes both feature the picturesque center campus of Andrews University and pass all the iconic spots: the Globe, J.N. Andrews Sculpture, Flag Mall, the Clock, the ULC (Buller/Nethery) Arch. The 10k, however, provides a unique challenge to runners as the route transitions to the hilly single-track trail system behind University Towers and the Pathfinder Building. Relatively few people are aware that with 11+ miles of maintained dirt trails, Andrews University boasts one of the most technical, challenging and scenic trail systems in southwest Michigan. The 10k gives a tantalizing taste of the challenge this trail can bring as runners tackle the smallest loop before heading back up Dairy Hill toward center campus and the finish line. With this mixture of scenic flat pavement and hilly trails, the Bradley Family Harvest Run truly has something to offer everyone, whether it's your first-ever 5k or you're a serious runner looking for a challenge.

We hope that you will join us on Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021, to help celebrate this event's new chapter as the Bradley Family Harvest Run and to challenge yourself in (although admittedly, we are biased!) the best campus 5k/10k/1-mile event in southwest Michigan.

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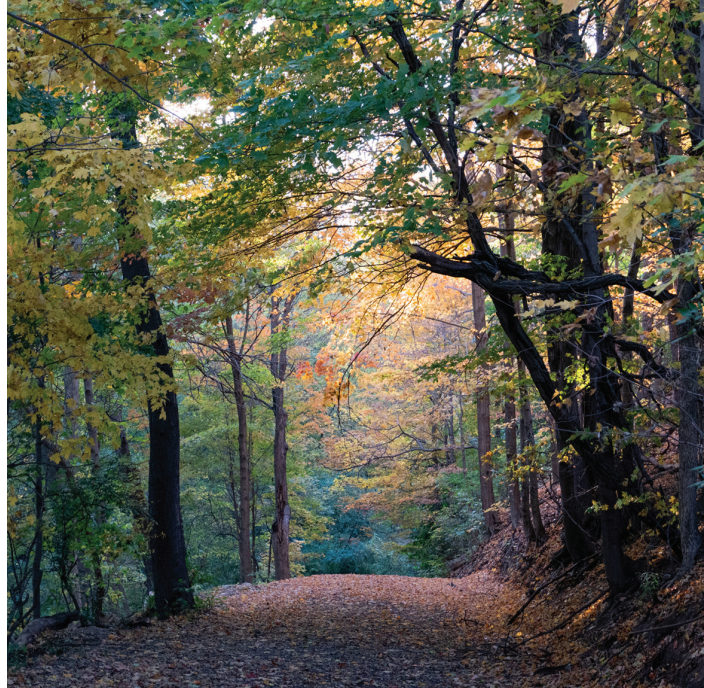
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### Upcoming Regional Events

Please note that Andrews regional events are postponed until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit [alumni.andrews.edu](https://alumni.andrews.edu) for event updates and for details once we are able to plan a regional event near your area again. You may also contact the Office of Alumni Services at [alumni@andrews.edu](mailto:alumni@andrews.edu) or 269-471-3591.



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# 1950s

**Marion E. Kidder** (BA '56, MA '59) is looking forward to his 90th birthday on Aug. 25, 2021, as well as his 69th wedding anniversary on Aug. 17, 2021.

**Lee A. Davis** (BS '50) graduated from Andrews with a degree in agriculture.

# 1970s



**Bruce N. Cameron** (BA '73) is the Reed Larson Professor of Labor Law at Regent University School of Law. Along with Thomas Haggard, Bruce authored the new third edition of the law school textbook "Understanding Employment Discrimination

Law." Bruce is also on staff with the National Right to Work Legal Defense and Education Foundation. Bruce and **Margie (Brennan) Cameron** (BA/BA '74) reside in Chesapeake, Virginia. They have two children and three grandchildren.

Following graduation from Andrews, **Raymond Richard Baker Jr.** (MDiv '77) worked in the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for seven years. His assignments included churches in Tampa, Florida, Albany, Georgia and Atlanta, Georgia.

Raymond joined the United States Navy in 1984 and became chaplain to Marines in Japan and sailors aboard USS WABASH (AOR-5) in California. In 1987, he received an honorable discharge and became a clinical pastoral education student at Loma Linda University Medical Center. He continued clinical pastoral education in medical centers in Houston, Texas, and Washington D.C.



In September 1991, Raymond became a student at Columbia University. He graduated in 1993 with a Master of Science in social work. He became an employee at the New York Veterans Affairs Medical Center and worked as a licensed clinical social worker in that institution until he transferred to the Portland, Oregon, Veterans Affairs Medical Center in January 2012. He served there as a social work supervisor until he retired from federal service on Nov. 30, 2017.

# 1980s

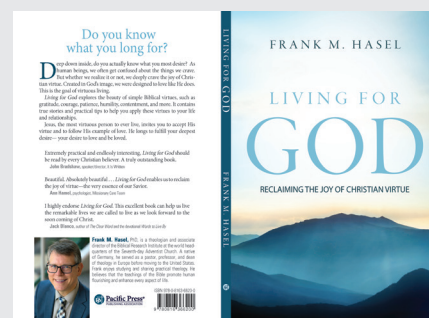
**Richard E. Kuykendall** (MDiv '80) published his new short biography of Ellen White, titled "The Dreamer and the Two Men She Loved" (Trafford Publishing), in February 2021. It explores Ellen's life and work with James White and then her special friendship with an actual marriage proposal from Stephen Haskell.

**Anthony Spence** (att.) recently published "Line in the Sand" and has a number of other books available on Amazon. He enjoys writing and editing and currently lives in Atlanta, Georgia.

**Steven Sherman** (BA '85, MDiv '89) married **Nadine Philip** (att.). He is currently the associate pastor at the Forest Lake Church in Orlando, Florida. He is the son of Carol and **Walter Sherman** (BA '59, MA '60).

**Surangel Whipps Jr.** (BBA '88) won the presidential election in Palau on Nov. 21, 2020, becoming the 10th president of the beautiful Pacific nation.

Whipps was sworn in as president on Jan. 21, 2021, during the inauguration ceremony at the Palau National Capitol. Whipps continues to be an active member of the Koror Seventh-day Adventist Church in Palau. His church leadership roles include church deacon, member of the Guam-Micronesia Mission Executive Committee, board member of the Guam Seventh-day Adventist Clinic, and chairman of the Palau Adventist School board.



**Frank M. Hasel** (MA '89, PhD '95) currently serves as an associate director of the Biblical Research Institute at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Silver Spring, Maryland. Frank and his cousin **Michael G. Hasel** (BA/BA '91, MA '92) were the principal contributors for the Adult Sabbath School Quarterly on "How to Interpret Scripture" (II/2020) and have also co-authored the companion book "How to Interpret Scripture" (Pacific Press, 2019). Frank has recently published the following book: "Living for God: Reclaiming the Joy of Christian Virtue" (Pacific Press, 2020) and edited a major new book on Biblical Interpretation: "Biblical Hermeneutics: An Adventist Approach" (Silver Spring, MD: BRI/Review & Herald Academic, 2020), where 12 Adventist scholars (several from Andrews University) explore crucial aspects of biblical interpretation from a Seventh-day Adventist perspective. This book is an essential guide to the understanding of Adventist hermeneutics and a valuable resource for anyone wanting to better understand the Bible.

# 1990s



**Larry T. Councell** (BT '94) recently retired after 26 years of service as a Colonel in the United States Air Force. He and his wife **Barbie Edler-Councell** (BS '96) have two sons, recent graduate **Jordan** (BS '21) and Keaton,

a sophomore data science major at Andrews University. Larry has accepted a position with Lockheed Martin and will be their Business Development senior manager in Fairborn, Ohio.



**Bradley Fisher** (BSIT '95) & **Jennifer (Inman) Fisher** (BS '95) moved to Collegedale, Tennessee, after graduation. Brad is the CEO and co-owner of The College Press in Collegedale and works with Adventist organizations around the world. Jennifer is an associate professor in the graduate nursing program at Southern Adventist University (SAU) as well as a practicing nurse practitioner at a pediatric urgent care in Chattanooga, Tennessee. They have two children. Their daughter is a nursing student at SAU and their son is currently attending Andrews University as a student in the aviation program.

**Wendell Gaa** (BS '98) recently began the newest chapter in his life as an economic and administrative assistant at



the Philippine Embassy in Ankara, Turkey. This is his second diplomatic assignment since he joined the foreign service in 2003.

He graduated from Andrews University with a Bachelor of Science in journalism and mass media. He writes, "The communication

and English courses which I took definitely benefited me in my professional career ... I am also grateful to have learned more of the rich indigenous cultures of our world from Øystein LaBianca who was my professor in my Cultural Anthropology class. His teachings ultimately encouraged me to view the globe as my international classroom, leading me to take diplomatic and history courses at the government Foreign Service Institutes in Malaysia and India, the University of Debrecen in Hungary, and then finally at the National University of Ireland in Galway where I earned my master's degree in international migration and refugee law and policy in December 2020."

## 2000s

**Elton DeMoraes** (MDiv '05, DMin '16)

was recently elected president of the Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Alvarado, Texas. DeMoraes spent many years working in the Texas Conference before accepting the position of vice president for ministries for the Southwestern Union of Seventh-day Adventists in Burleson, Texas. He completed a Master of Divinity in 2005 at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary as well

as a Doctor of Ministry in 2016. Elton and his wife, Alessandra, have one daughter, Isabella, and reside in Burleson, Texas.



**Kimberly (Smith) Shumaker** (BSELED '04) is currently working in Greeneville, Tennessee, at Greeneville Adventist Academy as the seventh and eighth grade homeroom teacher. While at Andrews, she worked as a lifeguard/teacher at the pool and as a reader for Professor Atkins. She says, "Andrews was a highlight for me. Some of the best memories and life experiences ... Andrews helped to grow my love for teaching by the jobs I held on campus."

**Ruth Marquez** (BS '08) is happy to announce that she is approaching her one-year anniversary of starting her own pediatric speech therapy private practice, Be Brave Speech Therapy. She says, "It's been a dream of mine come true! I'm hopeful that I will continue to serve more families as the years continue."





**Helen Ruth Hyde** (DIP2YR '43, BS/BS '71, MAT '79) died on April 19, 2021, in Collegedale, Tennessee.

Helen was born to Ruth and Freeman Lunz, the second of six daughters, on July 23, 1923. She grew up in Clintonville,

Wisconsin, where her parents were dairy farmers.

After graduating from Bethel Academy, she attended Emmanuel Missionary College to become a teacher. She graduated in 1943 with a two-year elementary teacher course and taught grades 1–8 at Clear Lake, Wisconsin, for one year.

On June 14, 1944, Helen married **L. Wayne Hyde** (BA '45). She taught school for one year in Benton Harbor, Michigan, while Wayne finished his ministerial course at EMC. The following fall they both taught school in Muskegon, Michigan. The next 18 years Helen spent raising their four children and assisting Wayne in his pastoral duties in towns in upper-lower Michigan.

Beginning the summer of 1964, Helen and Wayne faced medical challenges that caused paralysis of Wayne's legs from the knees down. A few months later after spending the winter recuperating in Winter Haven, Florida, Wayne recovered use of his legs. During the next four years Helen taught at Midland Adventist Elementary School for one year and then was hired as a teacher at the Jackson Adventist Elementary School in fall 1966. While teaching, Helen took numerous extension courses, correspondence studies and attended several summers at Andrews University. She graduated with a BS in elementary education in 1971.

During this time they had two children, Jeanette and

Elwyn, in elementary school, one child, Christine, in academy, and the oldest, Karen, at Andrews University. Wayne was hired as a social worker by the Michigan Department of Social Services in 1969, where he worked for 22 years. Helen continued teaching at Jackson, going to summer school at Andrews to renew her teacher's certification and receiving an MAT in 1979. Helen taught full-time for 17.5 years, 14 of those at Jackson. Additionally, there were years of music classes and substitute teaching.

Helen was very active in her church serving in positions including treasurer, Personal Ministries secretary, Sabbath School leader and church school fundraiser.

**S. Clark Rowland** (MDiv '78, professor emeritus), who taught physics at Andrews University for 48 years, died on Feb. 23, 2021, at 82 years old. He fell in early January, developed pneumonia twice and died of acute respiratory failure.

Clark was born in 1938 and grew up in Turlock, California, attending Modesto Union Academy and working summers at his grandparents' cattle ranch in Doyle, California, to fund his studies. Clark followed a call from God to study science, graduating from Pacific Union College in Angwin, California, in 1960 with a BS in physics. In 1961, Clark married his college sweetheart **Bonnie** (MAT '72, MSA '95). He earned his PhD in materials science from the University of Utah in 1967. During graduate school, in a series of providential encounters, Clark found the property in Salt Lake City where he and Bonnie helped build the Wasatch Hills SDA Church.

In 1967 Clark joined the physics department at Andrews University. While teaching at Andrews, Clark studied at the Seminary and he and Bonnie had two daughters, Brenda and Barbara. Clark mentored many, providing research opportunities for students and, by his words and example, demonstrating that



God uses people in science, engineering, technology and business to spread the Gospel. In addition to physics classes, Clark taught a class in Faith and Science and worked to bring speakers including Richard Bube and John Polkinghorne to Andrews. His physics colleagues and alums remember him for his research goals, academic excellence and reconciling science with Christian faith.

After retiring in 2005, Clark continued to teach at Andrews University as an emeritus professor. Diagnosed with

PSP (progressive supranuclear palsy) in 2013, Clark worked daily to follow diet, exercise, speech and physical therapies to maintain strength and delay the onset of symptoms. He was successful and unusual, giving his family years to enjoy his company.

In 2015 Clark and Bonnie moved to Davis, California, to be near their daughters and grandchildren. In retirement Clark and Bonnie traveled, participated on mission trips with Maranatha Volunteers International and enjoyed being grandparents. While Clark took his days, as he said, "one foot in front of the other," he thought deeply and continued to share ideas from reading and conversation, including in 2020 sharing with his family, "Polkinghorne says the promise in Revelation is the promise of new physics, where death is no longer the end." Clark's family has been blessed by his testimony of God's providence in his life.

Clark is missed by many including his wife Bonnie, children **Brenda** (BS '90) and **Kenneth** (BA '89) **Weiss** and Barbara and Kevin Goodman, grandchildren Adrienne, Ashton and Corbin Weiss, and Elinor and Galen Goodman, and sister Beverly Sandquist.

Helen is survived by her children: **Karen Simpson** (BS '69, MA '81), **Christine Herr** (BS '72), **Jeanette Teller** (BSD '76) and **Elwyn Hyde** (AA '78, BS '80, MAPM '19); 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband Wayne, who died July 6, 1995.



**Irene Lois (Friesen) Farver** (BS '50) died on April 16, 2021, with her daughters by her side.

She was born Oct. 20, 1923, to Henry and Marie Friesen in Salina, Kansas. She grew up during the Great Depression of the 1930s and dust-bowl years in Southeastern Colorado, 30 miles from the nearest town. Irene was raised with a strong belief in God, education and hard work.

Irene studied pre-nursing at Southwestern Jr. College (now Southwestern Adventist University) in Keene, Texas. After graduating she continued nursing education at the Boulder SDA Sanitarium and Hospital, receiving an RN.

She met PFC **William Farver** (BA '50, MA '61) while working at Porter Adventist Hospital in Denver, Colorado. After only a few weeks of dating, Bill was shipped overseas to serve in WWII.

Bill returned 2½ years later in January 1946. They married on June 2, 1946, in Boulder, Colorado. They were married

69 years and five months. They had two daughters, Janis and Lahna.

The day after their marriage they traveled to Emmanuel Missionary College (Andrews University) where Irene completed her bachelor's degree in nursing education. Bill and Irene graduated together in 1950.

Irene's 40-year nursing career was spent working in hospitals in Michigan, Georgia and Florida. She was also the school nurse for Cedar Lake Academy (GLAA) in Michigan and Blue Mountain Academy in Pennsylvania.

Besides nursing, which Irene greatly enjoyed, she liked entertaining and could prepare delicious meals on a moment's notice. She loved people and delighted in helping them, especially those in need.

During their retirement Irene and Bill traveled extensively to see friends and relatives and also volunteered for Maranatha.

Irene was involved in church activities all of her life. She continued in the Cottonwood church by playing the piano for the children's divisions, was a member of the church orchestra (saxophone), sang in the choir, helped with Sabbath potlucks and was the parish nurse.

In her declining years, though losing most of her eyesight, hearing and memory, Irene rarely complained and frequently sent Jan and Lahna into gales of laughter with her sense of humor. She kept her strong faith in God, talking with Him several times a day and praying for many people.

She is survived by daughters Janis Farver and Lahna Farver and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

**John F. Neumann** (BA '51), 99, of Berrien Springs, Michigan,



died April 6, 2021, at his home.

John was born Feb. 28, 1922, in Auerbach, Saxony, Germany, the youngest of eight children of Emil and Ella (Bochmann) Neumann. He served his country during World War II with the U.S. Army, where he was trained as a medical lab technician.

After the war, he married **Lora G. Wasenmiller** (BA '42) on May 12, 1946, in New York City. That fall they moved to Berrien Springs for John to pursue his education under the G.I. Bill at Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University). He decided on a business major and also worked in the business office. When he graduated in 1951, he was offered a junior accounting position, later became assistant accountant, and then accountant until his retirement in 1987. He also served as a Notary Public, and directed ticket sales for the Concert-Picture Series for 30 years.

John was a longtime member of Pioneer Memorial Church, serving for over eight years as treasurer and nearly 30 as a deacon.

He is survived by his daughter, **Karen** (DIP2YR '68, BS '70) (Jim) **Allred**; his son, **Ron Neumann** (CERT '74, former staff); three grandchildren: Kim (Bill) **Dustin**, Kelley **Allred**, Jimmy **Allred**; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Lora; his parents; and seven siblings.



**Anna May Harkness Damazo** (major donor), 94, died in Frederick, Maryland, on March 13, 2021.

Ann, as she was known by most, was born on Nov. 26, 1926, in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Elmer C. Harkness and Elizabeth Jane (Russell) Harkness. While training as a nurse she met and fell in love with a young intern, **Frank S. Damazo** (DIP2YR '44, BS '47). They were married on Sept. 4, 1948, and recently celebrated 72 years of marriage.

In 1956 they selected Frederick, Maryland, to be their lifelong home and became active members of the Frederick Seventh-day Adventist Church. Through the years, Ann served her beloved church congregation in multiple roles—church treasurer, finance coordinator, and worthy student program administrator. After a devastating fire that destroyed the church building in 1993, Ann worked tirelessly as part of the building committee to acquire land and build the present church and school complex.

Ann is survived by her beloved husband Frank and their four children, Fran (T.J.) **Damazo-Mullin**



of Davis, California, Donna (Dan) Butler of Woodsboro, Maryland, Frank L. (Bonnie) Damazo of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, and Nancy (John) O'Donnell of Frederick, eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, two sisters and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents; brothers Elmer, Reuben and Donald; and her sister Jane Kovak.

**Marcy Renee Korf Chang** (BA '94), 50, of Laurel, Maryland, died on March 10, 2021, after a courageous battle with bile duct cancer.

Marcy was born on Jan. 20, 1971, to Larry and Maris Korf in Grand Rapids, Michigan. After graduating from Hudsonville High School in 1989, she went on to earn her degree in communication at Andrews.

After graduation, she worked in fundraising and development for over 20 years. Marcy loved working with non-profit organizations and was proud of what she did for a living.

In 1992, Marcy met **Ji Chang** (BT '94) and they wed on Sept. 13, 1998. Together, they have two sons: Carson, born in the spring of 2003, and Colin, born in the summer of 2004.

She was passionate about volunteering her time. It gave her great joy teaching Kindergarten Sabbath School for Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church, leading Home & School at Beltsville Adventist School, and participating as a school board member at Spencerville Adventist Academy.

Marcy was predeceased by her younger sister Tracy. She is survived by her husband, Ji; children, Carson and Colin; father, Larry; and mother, Maris.

**Lázaro Falcón** (former staff), 87, died on Feb. 20, 2021, in Berrien Springs, Michigan.



Lázaro was born to Alfonso Falcón and María Isabel González, on Nov. 14, 1934, in Havana, Cuba. At an early age, Lázaro began an apprenticeship in carpentry, which led to his lifelong dedication to the trade. He was meticulous with his work and enjoyed sharing his woodworking talent through various projects.

He married Carmen Guerra on Dec. 27, 1956. Together they created a happy and sheltered home for their daughters, Clemen and Carmen. When the dark clouds of political strife covered his beloved island, Lázaro purposed in his heart that his children would live in a free land. To achieve this goal, Lázaro left everything behind, sacrificing all to give his daughters a life filled with opportunities. On Aug. 3, 1970, the little family arrived in the U.S. with nothing but a few clothing items in two duffel bags and the desire to succeed through hard work and determination. From that moment on, one of Lázaro's favorite expressions became "God bless America!"

They began life anew in Queens, New York, where Lázaro and Carmen resided for 27 years. After retiring from his job, the couple moved to Berrien Springs to be closer to their daughters. A two-year hiatus signaled to Lázaro he still had much to contribute, so he

worked another five years in the maintenance department at Andrews University.

He was an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, dedicating countless hours in service to others. His diligent dedication was recognized through various awards and the many friendships garnered in the process.

Lázaro is survived by his wife of 64 years, Carmen R.; daughters **Clemen** (BA/BA '81, MA '96, former staff) and husband **Bradley** (BA/BA '82, MA '87, PhD '11) **Shepard** and **Carmen** (BS '83) and her husband **Anthony** (BS '99, MSPT '00) **Escotto**; three granddaughters; three great-grandsons; brother Antonio Falcón; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Lázaro was predeceased by his parents and his brother Ibrahim Falcón.



**Max Anthony Pean III** (att.) died on Feb. 9, 2021, as the result of a tragic motorcycle accident.

He was born in Brockton, Massachusetts, to Maxito Pean and Judith Jean-Michel on Dec. 30, 1988. Max was the second of Judith's five children, the four siblings that he loved very much and had an unbreakable bond with: Chris, Rudy, Brianna and Saskia.

From childhood Max was full of a special kind of love

for life. Everywhere he went he touched the lives of those he came in contact with. Max had an amazing ability to make everyone feel special and made friends from all walks of life.

Max excelled in his studies and attended Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, where he pursued a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Max left an example of how even in a short life there's no limit to how many lives you can touch simply by having a listening ear, being a friend to talk and spend time with, simple acts of kindness, laughter and affection.

He is survived by his immediate family, his brothers Chris and Rudy, his sisters Brianna and Saskia, his sister-in-law Coryly and his niece Amirah and new nephew Princeton. He is also survived by aunts, uncles, cousins and too many friends to count.

**Don Dockerty** (BA '67, former faculty) died on Feb. 9, 2021, at Woodland Terrace of Bridgman, Michigan.

Don was born March 3, 1945, at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, to Grace and Hillis Dockerty.

Don graduated from Indiana Academy in Cicero in 1963. In 1967 he received his bachelor's degree in religion from Andrews University. To help pay for his tuition he began his entrepreneurial skills by starting Don's Painting Service. After graduation from Andrews, he taught math, music, history and religion for grades 7–10 at Kalamazoo Adventist Junior Academy.

While teaching in Kalamazoo, he met Mary Ladd, a nurse in Battle Creek, and they were married on Dec. 22, 1968.

In 1970 Don realized he had a desire to pursue a career in business and returned to college at Western Michigan

**Robert “Bob” E. Firth** (professor emeritus), 99, died on Dec. 29, 2020.

He was last a resident of Great Oaks Assisted Living Center in Monroe, Georgia, where he lived happily with his wife Dorothy. Dorothy and Bob were married on Jan. 11, 2014.

Bob was born in Duluth, Minnesota, on Dec. 19, 1921. His legacy was that of an educator, teaching initially at the secondary level and then focusing on his specialties of management and business law at both the collegiate and graduate levels in various educational institutions in the Seventh-day Adventist school system.

Bob graduated from Maplewood Academy in Hutchinson, Minnesota, and then served as a medic in the European theater in World War II. For his service he was awarded the Bronze Star. After the war, he attended Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, and graduated from that institution in 1948. He then returned to Maplewood Academy as a teacher but was invited back to Union College to chair the Department of Business Administration in 1952. While at Union College he earned a master's degree in economics and his PhD in management, both from the University of Nebraska. Management was a relatively new field in 1960 when he completed his PhD, and Bob holds the distinction of being the first PhD in management in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In 1964, Bob was invited to join the faculty at Andrews University with the specific mandate to organize and institute an MBA program in the Department of Business. This assignment resulted in the first graduate degree in business being offered by any Seventh-day Adventist educational institution. The curriculum that Bob developed for this program, and the undergraduate business program that supported it, became the model upon which other Seventh-day Adventist business programs around the world were based.

After serving as the chair of the Department of Business for 14 years, Bob was asked, in 1978, to serve as the assistant to the vice president for Academic Administration with the specific tasks of organizing the Andrews University



Press and directing the faculty research program. It was in this capacity that Bob also spent considerable time working with Andrews University administration in the affiliation program, which was designed to strengthen Seventh-day Adventist colleges and universities around the world. Through this assignment, Bob traveled to many of these schools and personally assisted in establishing strong business programs on other campuses.

In 1983–1984, Bob filled in as the dean of the School of Business Administration for one year while Sy Saliba, under appointment to replace Dale Twomley as dean, completed his PhD. Upon “official” retirement in 1988, Bob continued to direct the Andrews University Press for two more years and taught business law in the School of Business Administration until 1993. At that time, Bob moved to Social Circle, Georgia, where he continued to serve the community as a member of the Lion's Club and through other social organizations.

“Dr. Firth's influence literally is felt around the world through the service and accomplishments of his students over the years,” says Ann Gibson, professor emerita. “Eight of the current or recently-retired Andrews faculty were his former students and came to understand the importance of excellence in one's academic work, and his own personal example and insistence on careful instruction in the classroom. Scores of

others have carried those same lessons around the globe to enhance excellence in Seventh-day Adventist business curriculum and instruction. One could not know Dr. Firth without feeling the influence of his own personal high standards for academic quality. But one also felt his personal concern for the student and his desire to support those who he considered to be ‘his men and women’ as they pursued their own lives and their own careers. Thus, his influence lives on despite his passing. The torch he lit is now carried by others, to be passed on to future generations. That is exactly as he would have planned.”

Ralph Trecartin, associate provost and dean of the College of Professions, says, “Dr. Firth's portrait is displayed in the School of Business Administration Dean's office. When I look at it, I often wonder if I could hope to have the life-long impact that he has had on multiple generations of students. When I was an MBA student, I knew that he would hold me accountable and so I must do my very best in research and academic endeavor. He was sometimes gruff, but you could see his eyes twinkle and knew that he loved all of his students. He was not afraid to comment on my wrinkled pants and the need for professionalism. And he loved to share traditions and sayings with us. One of his comments that I found very useful was about studying to earn a PhD. He would say on multiple occasions, ‘It is not how smart you are that will determine your success but the fact that you are too stupid to quit.’ Like so many good things in life, to reach an educational goal takes dogged determination. He was a determined man and it showed in his character and accomplishments.”

Bob was a Christian man with strong ties to the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. He always sought to serve his Lord to the best of his ability in a meaningful way.

Bob is survived by his wife, Dorothy Peterson; daughter, Holly Jane Firth; his son, Frances Eugene Firth; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first two wives, Morna Y. Leouier and Frances Early.



University where he earned his master's degree in accounting and later became a CPA. While attending Western Michigan University, he also taught business classes at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

As his family began to expand, he moved to Adrian, Michigan, in 1972, where he worked as assistant to the treasurer of Tecumseh Products in Tecumseh, Michigan. While working there, he received a call to start and be the administrator for Jordan's Nursing Home in Bridgman.

For 18 years he worked with and enjoyed the staff, residents and families he met at Jordan's. During the middle 1980s Don taught accounting at Andrews University.

In 1996, Don brought his joy of caring for people to another level when he began the establishment of Woodland Terrace of Bridgman which opened in June 1997. With the foresight of his children, this now includes eight campuses throughout western Michigan. Don worked at the Bridgman campus until retiring in 2012.

He especially enjoyed time spent with his three children and his grandchildren. Besides his business and family responsibilities, he found time to participate in youth church and community events. Don also enjoyed taking up square dancing and round dancing with his wife, Mary.

For 28 years, Don battled various forms of cancer and a bone marrow transplant but still managed to live life to the fullest. Don will always be remembered for his smile, kind words, and "Donald" jokes.

Don is survived by the most important people in his life—his wife, Mary; his children: **Tonya** (BSELED '93, MA '04) (Nick) Margaritis, Todd (Matt)

Dockerty, Tim (**Erin** (BS '97)) Dockerty; eight grandchildren; his brother, Gordon (Cindy) Dockerty; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Grace and Hillis Dockerty; brother, **Ken Dockerty** (BA/BA '69, MA '78); and sister, Shirley Devine.



**Margaret "Peggy" Dorothy Dudley** (BS '81, MA '83, PhD '88, former staff), 89, died on Jan. 25, 2021, at Hospice of Dayton, Ohio.

She had recently moved to Centerville, Ohio, to be near her daughter but lived in Berrien Springs, Michigan, for the past 46 years.

Peggy was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on Oct. 9, 1931. Peggy attended Mount Vernon Academy and then Washington Missionary College where she met the love of her life **Roger Dudley** (MA '59, EdD '77, former faculty). They married in August 1952.

She received an associate degree in business from Catoonsville Community College in Maryland, an associate degree in nursing from Ohio University, and three degrees from Andrews University—a BS in behavioral sciences, an MS in education and a PhD in counseling and human services. She worked as a secretary for

the United States Army and for denominational offices on the local, union and General Conference levels as well as a registered nurse. She then served from 1989 to her retirement in 2000 as a licensed professional counselor at the Andrews University Counseling & Testing Center.

Peggy often worked together with her husband in conducting Maximum Marriage seminars and Grow Groups in giving presentations and holding workshops on various areas of family living and interpersonal relationships. In addition they did research and published many articles and two books together. For this work they were presented the Arthur and Maud Spaulding Award for Distinguished Service in Family Ministries by the General Conference in 1994, the Outstanding Research Publication Award by the Michigan College Personnel Association in 1995, and the Distinguished Service Award by the Family Ministries Department of the North American Division in 1999 and in 2018.

Peggy's favorite recreational activity was to travel and visit new and exciting places. She visited all seven continents, including Antarctica twice and 61 different countries.

She is survived by her husband Roger and her two brothers; Herb (Marilyn) Goronzy of Apison, Tennessee, and Daniel (Judith) Goronzy of Dublin, Ohio, and by a daughter, Cheryl (Hans) Zwart, a grandson **Chad** (BSW '01, BT '04) and **Charity** (BA '00) **Cotta**, and a great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents Fred Goronzy and Margaret Dobrinski, her brother Fred Goronzy Jr. and her sister Ruth Kopp.

**Lewis Bowers Carson** (BA '50), 92, of Benton, Illinois, died on Jan. 23, 2021.

He was born in Osseo, Michigan, on Aug. 15, 1928, to Lewis and Leanore (Bowers) Carson.

He loved working on the farm until he went to Adelphean Academy. He graduated from EMC Academy in 1946 while attending Emmanuel Missionary College. There he met his dear wife of 59 years, **Della Mae Crom** (DIP2YR '50, BBA '83). They spent many wonderful Sabbath afternoons working with Uncle Dan and Aunt Sue as they built the Your Story Hour ministry. They loved that work and the nice side benefit was that they could "legally" date since Uncle Dan and Aunt Sue were their chaperones during those hours. They married on Aug. 28, 1949. After graduation, they moved to Washington D.C. so Lewis could continue his religious education at the Seminary. Later in life, he obtained a master's in English, his MBA and CPA.

One highlight of Lewis's career was spearheading the building of the Muskegon Seventh-day Adventist school building. He held several jobs in his lifetime including teacher, principal, head of the English department and various accounting jobs, with his longest stay being at Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital. He and Della lived in Michigan, Maryland, New Jersey, Quebec and Ontario (Canada), Florida and Illinois.

After leaving Hinsdale Hospital, Lewis worked briefly for the Lake Union Conference as an auditor so Della could go back to school to receive her accounting degree.

After Della graduated in 1983, they moved to Wheaton, Maryland, where he took a job

with AHS/EMA in the Washington D.C. area as an internal auditor. He traveled all along the Northeastern coast though most of his time was spent at the hospitals in the D.C. area.

In 2017, Lewis moved to Benton, Illinois, where he lived at Fifth Season Assisted Living until his death. He enjoyed volunteering at 3ABN four days a week answering prayer requests. He was active with 3ABN until COVID-19 caused a change in his ability to go out. He occasionally taught and preached at Fifth Season as well. He was active at his local church, West Frankfort Seventh-day Adventist church, and often taught Sabbath School.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and his sister, Clara Belle Burtnett.

Lewis is survived by his daughter Roberta “Bobbie” (John) Larsen of Parchment, Michigan, **David** (BS ’81) (Roxanne) of West Frankfort, Illinois, and daughter **Vivian** (BBA ’84) (Ray) **Clayton** of Fairbanks, Alaska. He is also survived by four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, three nephews, a niece and various great nephews and nieces. He was days from becoming a great grand-uncle.

**Robert (Bob) Stanton Williams** (BA/BA ’68, MA ’73), died Dec. 23, 2020, in Crowley, Texas.

Bob was a proud graduate of Andrews University and he spent his entire career teaching in the Seventh-day Adventist elementary school system. He specialized in one-room schools and successfully taught multigrades in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his wife Carolyn Snow Williams, wife Ruth Ann Dull Williams; and grandson Joel Williams.

**Pietro Emilio Copiz** (former faculty) died on Dec. 19, 2020, in Gland, Switzerland.

He was born in Sinaia, Romania, on Aug. 23, 1931, but was an Italian citizen all his life.

Pietro obtained his education in Romania, Italy, France, Switzerland (licence en lettres, University of Geneva) and the United States (PhD, University of Michigan). He fluently spoke the languages of the countries he lived in and two additional ones.

On Aug. 14, 1966, Pietro married Herta Kipp in Freudenstadt, Germany. Herta predeceased him on June 30, 1994.

Pietro served first as a teacher and dean of the Institute of French as a Foreign Language at Adventist University of France and as a teacher and chairperson in the Department of Modern Languages at Andrews University (1966–1979). After 20 years as a teacher, he was called to serve as education director of the Euro-Africa Division and retired in Switzerland.

Since he was sick with tuberculosis during his youth, underwent heavy cancer surgery at the age of 57 and lost his wife when he was 63, Pietro tended, during the last part of his life, to exercise what he called a “ministry of consolation” through calls, visits, letters, emails, prayers and concrete help, especially during his retirement years in Gland.

He is survived by two sons, **Danilo** (BA/BA ’96) of Monaco and **Stefan** (att.) of San Francisco.

**Lilly May Williams** (former staff), 68, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, died Nov. 22, 2020, in Stevensville, Michigan.

Lilly was born Feb. 25, 1952, in Mandeville, Manchester, Jamaica, to Noel Wesley Patrickson and Amy Caroline



(Gooden) Patrickson. Her professional career included being an accountant at West Indies College (Northern Caribbean University) and chief accountant at Andrews Memorial Hospital. She also served as chief accountant, then assistant treasurer for a combined tenure of 15 years for the West Indies Union Conference (Jamaica Union of Seventh-day Adventists).

She accompanied her husband, **Oswald Sr.** (MA ’82), to Berrien Springs in 1993, where he was a student at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Lilly continued denominational service at Andrews University in 1994 as bookkeeper/accountant at the James White Library (JWL).

Following the untimely death of her husband in 1996, Lilly combined single parenting with graduate education and successfully completed her master’s degree in accounting at LaSalle University in 1998. In 2002, Lilly began her 18 years of service at Adventist Frontier Missions (AFM) as the mail clerk, where she interfaced with donors and missionaries in the field. Lilly later rejoined the James White Library where she worked as a periodicals associate for the past 11 years.

Lilly loved her work and treasured the friendships she

formed both at AFM and JWL. She enjoyed gardening, especially growing flowers, cooking and watching cooking shows, and all good things Jamaican. She had a close relationship with God and never lost faith as she walked through the various valleys of life and death.

She is survived by two sons, Oswald George Williams II and Matthew George Williams; two sisters, Pauline Rose Phillip and Dorothy Evangeline Patrickson; and one brother, **John Wesley Patrickson** (BS ’73). She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.

**Martha Jeanne (Marty) Anderson** (BA ’50), 91, of Northbrook, Illinois, died on Nov. 15, 2020.

She was born on May 14, 1929, to the late David and Martha (Young) Anderson.

A lifelong Seventh-day Adventist, Marty graduated from Broadview Academy, then went on to Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, graduating with a BA in home economics. She took graduate courses at Walla Walla College, Walla Walla, Washington. Marty taught home economics, commercial subjects, and PE for a few years at the Fresno Union Academy in Fresno, California. She worked at several Adventist organizations on the West Coast then took an assignment at the world headquarters of Seventh-day Adventists in Washington D.C.

On a trip back to the West Coast from Washington D.C., Marty stopped to visit her parents in Brookfield, Illinois, took a temporary job at Portland Cement Association and ended up staying with PCA for 35 years. She worked in human resources and retired as manager.

After retirement, Marty indulged herself in hobbies and activities, e.g. a hospice volun-



teer, helped with former school and alumni events, traveled and gardened. She was excellent at anything she tried: needlepoint, sewing, cooking and gardening. Marty loved hats. Her car license plate said “Hat Lady.”

Marty’s Andrews University college classmate, **Paul Anderson** (BA ’50), introduced her to the beauty of rhododendrons. She made numerous trips to Australia, New Zealand and Europe to visit rhododendron gardens and conventions and became editor of a District Rhododendron News.

Although Marty never married or had children of her own, young people enjoyed her company. She “adopted” and was blessed by 26 “kids” that called her “Mom Marty.” She was a charter member of the Northbrook Adventist Church.

In 2015 Marty moved from her Northbrook home of more than 40 years to live in Covenant Living of Northbrook, only a mile away from her home.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Lorraine (David) Anderson and nieces Judy DeLay, Tracy (Jerry) Wilson and Sharon (Ted) Wilson.

Marty was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, David Wayne Anderson.

**Keith Olivier Boyd** (MA ’74) died on Sept. 10, 2020. Keith received a master’s degree in religion from Andrews University in June 1974 and became a pastor.

**Cyril Garth Connelly** (BA ’70, MAT ’74, former staff) died, unexpectedly, at his home in San Bernardino, California, on Aug. 2, 2020.

He was born in Maryport, England, on Jan. 10, 1943, to Cyril and Vera Connelly. In 1949, Cyril immigrated with his family to Canada; he spent his childhood in Ottawa, On-



tario. In the late 50s Cyril was able to attend Oshawa Missionary College (now Kingsway College). After graduation he attended Andrews University for a time, then took a hiatus for work and marriage to Ethlyn (Lyn) Perrine Connelly in 1966, following her graduation from Hinsdale School of Nursing. After a year of living in Toronto, Ontario, Cyril and Lyn returned to Berrien Springs so Cyril could return to school. He found work as an insurance adjuster, giving him a flexible schedule so he could pursue classes as a part-time student. A daughter, Cathrine, was born in 1969 and son Alan in 1970. Cyril completed his BA in history in 1970.

The summer of 1970 he accepted a position at Bass Memorial Academy (BMA) in Lumberton, Mississippi, where he taught history and English for several years. During the summer he returned to Andrews for an MAT (Master of Arts in Teaching) with an emphasis in history. At BMA he became vice principal and then principal.

In 1979 Cyril was invited to be principal of Gem State Academy, where he stayed until 1982 when he moved to Georgia Cumberland Academy (GCA). In 1986, Cyril completed an EdD from Loma Linda University.

Following six years as principal of GCA, Cyril was invited to Andrews University as vice president for Enrollment Services. Both of his children and his daughter-in-law graduated from Andrews during his tenure. In 1992 he moved to La Sierra University continuing as vice president of Enrollment Services and then in 1997 moved to Loma Linda University School of Public Health, as associate dean for Enrollment Services.

After 14 years in higher education, Cyril decided he wanted to return to academy work and served as principal of San Gabriel Academy for one year then La Sierra Academy for seven years.

At the time of his retirement in 2010, he was awarded a Medal of Excellence from the GC Department of Education. However, retirement wasn’t yet a reality as he assisted as interim principal at Glendale Academy for several months, served as principal of Loma Linda Elementary School for a year, taught contract classes and mentored student teachers from La Sierra University and chaired numerous WASC (the Accreditation Commission for Western Schools and Colleges) committees.

Cyril had the ability to connect with his students in a unique way; even those he disciplined admired and respected him. Additionally, Cyril and Lyn loved to travel, often taking extended trips, visiting about 80 countries during the 10 years of his retirement.

Cyril is survived by his wife Lyn, a daughter and son-in-law **Cathrine Connelly Stone** (BSW ’92) and David Stone, a son and daughter-in-law **Alan** (BBA ’92) and Diane Artress Connelly (BA ’92); three grandchildren, Allison Connelly, Aiden Stone and Erin Stone; and a sister, **Anne Connelly Bissell** (att).

**William Earle Hilgert** (MA '46, BD '55, former faculty/administrator) died in Charlottesville, Virginia, on Dec. 22, 2020. Born in Portland, Oregon, on May 17, 1923, he was 97.

The first child of William T. and Katie Ann (Earle) Hilgert, a Seventh-day Adventist minister and Bible instructor couple, Earle graduated from Laur-elwood Adventist Academy, Oregon, in 1939 at the age of 16. During the subsequent year he received private tutoring in French and German from **Leona Glidden Running** (BA '37, MA '55, professor emerita), a mentor destined to later become a particularly valued colleague. By 1945, a five-year stint on the campuses of La Sierra College and Walla Walla College had led to a Bachelor of Arts in theology and history; and a Bachelor of Theology with emphasis in biblical languages.

Years later, Earle described the next 12 months after his college graduation as a particularly “dizzying time,” during which he hitchhiked to Washington D.C., saw the end of World War II, earned a Master of Arts in church history from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary (thesis on the Waldenses), signed up for international service as a missionary, and on Aug. 4, 1946, married his Swiss sweetheart **Elvire Roth** (former staff).

The couple's four years (1947–1951) on the campus of Philippine Union College were devoted to teaching history and Bible courses in Earle's case, French and English courses in Elvire's, plus helping the institution relaunch itself after the war.

Upon their return to the U.S., Earle taught for a year at Lodi Adventist Academy in California. In 1952, they moved to Takoma Park, Maryland, where Earle joined the faculty of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary on the campus of Washington Missionary College. Simultaneously he contributed to the book “Problems in Bible Translation” and earned his Bachelor of Divinity in 1955 (thesis on early Christian baptism).

While there, Earle also served on the editorial team charged with producing the seven-volume Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, a watershed effort that for the first time modelled for Adventist readers a historical approach to the Scriptures.



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On study leave from the Seminary, Earle studied from 1956–1959 toward the Doctor of Theology at the University of Basel, under Karl Barth. With his major in New Testament studies and minors in systematic theology and in church history, his studies there also included courses from Oscar Cullmann and Bo Reicke. His dissertation, titled “The Ship and Related Symbols in the New Testament,” was published in 1962, the year of the conferral of his degree.

They returned to the U.S., this time to Berrien Springs, Michigan, where he became professor of New Testament at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, newly relocated to Andrews University. One of the organizing editors of Andrews University Seminary Studies, launched in 1963, Earle regularly published scholarly articles in the journal, plus book reviews in “Theologische Zeitschrift” and contributions to the Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia, undertaken in 1962 at his urging. He was also a regular contributor to many denominational periodicals.

While chairing the Seminary's Department of New Testament Studies, his administrative abilities brought him into the role of acting dean of the Seminary during the dean's study leaves, in the summers of 1961 and 1963, and the 1965–1966 year. He was known to remark, however, “I wish I had two heads: a teacher's head and an administrator's one—and a shelf in my office where I could stash the one when I'm wearing the

other. The two roles represent such different ways of seeing and thinking—but of the two, I prefer the teacher's one!” Even so, when invited by the University's Board of Trustees to assume the position of the institution's vice presidency for academic administration effective Aug. 1, 1966, he accepted. He held the position until spring of 1969, when he requested to be allowed to return to the classroom.

In the early 1970s, after a decade of profound reflection, Earle and Elvire made the radically life-altering decision to leave the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Earle became a Presbyterian, moved to Chicago, and accepted a position at McCormick Theological Seminary, where he became a professor of New Testament.

Their two decades at McCormick were especially productive and rewarding for the Hilgerts. Earle collaborated with colleagues, contributed as editor and reader, and supported cooperative consortia agreements among libraries serving theological schools. Beyond his initial positions there, he variously served as professor of bibliography, professor of bibliography and New Testament, acting dean of the Seminary (1972–1973 academic year), visiting professor at Pacific Theological College in Suva, Fiji Islands, and interim dean of doctoral studies, retiring as professor emeritus of New Testament in 1990.

Ever the scholar, Earle spoke three languages, English, French and German, and read four more, Latin, Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic. His greatest joy came from relationships with students and colleagues.

When Earle retired in the early 1990s, they moved to Charlottesville. He spent many Sundays in the pulpit, serving as a guest preacher for various congregations in the area. And, at 96, he was still volunteering to teach at the University of Virginia Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

He is survived by a nephew, James Hedrick, and two nieces, Merideth Trott and Priscilla Brunner, all of Dayton, Ohio; by his brother-in-law Ariel A. Roth and his wife, Lenore, of Loma Linda, California; his special Charlottesville friends, the Burnette family; and by many grand and great-grand nephews and nieces.

His wife, Elvire, and his only sibling, Willa Hedrick, both predeceased him.



# Affirmation and growth

By Delecia Trofort (BFA '21)

MY NAME IS DELECIA TROFORT BUT MY friends call me “Mimi.” I just graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts at Andrews University. I was born with a rare condition called Adams Oliver Syndrome. When I was born, I was one of 96 in the world with this condition. Adams Oliver consists of a scalp defect, hand and foot defects, and damage to the end bones and the joints. I did not escape and have had repair of a scalp defect, foot defects, and have had four knee surgeries.

I am also one of four young ladies who have lived past the age of 10 with this condition in the world. My father is a pastor and retired Navy Chaplain. My mother is a nurse-midwife and currently in medical school, and my sister Solange is currently a student at Andrews. My parents chose to home-school me from kindergarten to college because of the need to have numerous surgeries, their strong beliefs about Adventist education and no availability of Adventist education near where we lived. I attended Harlingen Adventist Elementary School for seventh and eighth grade. There were only ten children in the school, nine boys and me. My mother sent my academic schoolwork during that time and the Texas Conference presented me with a diploma when I completed the eighth grade.

Andrews University was very different than homeschooling, with larger class sizes, classrooms and more than one teacher. I had few friends when my Andrews journey began. I was very shy and quiet. Due to my numerous health issues, I was diagnosed as disabled by the state of Michigan during my sophomore year at Andrews. Academic work wasn't a challenge physically for me until that time. It was difficult for me to accept that I needed accommodations, a wheelchair, mobility scooter and a disabled parking placard. My parents treated me like I was normal all

my life and that my syndrome didn't define me as a person.

My disability is predominantly internal and less external. Therefore, some students and faculty treated me differently. The students would not speak to me, would talk to other students around me, and push past me entering/exiting chapel or other school events. The faculty weren't sure how to work with my accommodations at first and it was a learning curve for all of us. Some buildings on campus were difficult to navigate with my scooter.

Over time things began to change. Teachers learned to work with and understand my accommodations. Students started to speak to me and, after they got to know me, realized I

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was a person outside of my disabilities. I moved into the residence hall and my suitemates were very helpful. They would bring me food from the cafeteria if I was not feeling well. They didn't mind me parking my scooter and wheelchair in the living room. I became close to my suitemates and gained awesome friends for life at Andrews. I was blessed to meet my wonderful fiancé at Andrews, as well.

The University Towers staff was wonderful and met my accommodations. The Visual Art, Design & Communication department worked hard to make academic life easier for me to navigate. The University worked very hard for me to physically access the campus. Handicap access was installed in the art building, where there was not easy access. The woodshop even built a painting easel that fit and rotated for my scooter.

Andrews has done so much to increase my confidence and showed the love of Jesus in their dealings with me. I am now an ambassador for Student Success and speak to parents whose children have disabilities when they come for Preview Days. I wish to thank Andrews University and especially my advisor Kari Friestad for her belief in me and pushing me to always be my best. She never saw my disability and treated me like so much more. Thank you, Ms. Friestad, Professor Elkins, Professor Taylor, Professor Sherwin, Professor Myers, Professor Root, Student Success, Mr. Ayaz and Andrews University.

I am thankful for what I have learned and accomplished thus far and excited for this next chapter of the future. Every day of life is truly a gift.

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Delecia Trofort is preparing for graduate school and plans to pursue either a Master of Arts in art therapy or a Master of Fine Arts in painting and drawing.





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International flags were flying the weekend of May 7–9, 2021, in honor of Andrews University spring graduates, who represented 72 countries. The row of flags closest to the church displayed the flag of Switzerland, in commemoration of J.N. Andrews' historic mission trip, as well as the flags of Great Britain and Canada for President Andrea Luxton and the flag of Grenada for Provost Christon Arthur. The International Flag Mall was installed in 1974 and is a beloved symbol of global diversity at Andrews. **PHOTO:** *Jackson John*

