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Reflection and planning

Andrea Luxton, president

In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what the Lord has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history, “Life Sketches of Ellen G. White,” page 196 (1902).

I love the humanness of this statement: the reality of a God who astonishes us constantly with His engagement in our humanity, our foibles and potential. These words are a statement, but they are also a challenge: not to forget, to learn from what God teaches us. We are loved but not perfect. God is consistent in fulfilling his promises, in the good times and the bad, but we are to be partners in the growth he wants for us. We are confident in the future because of our understanding of the past.

The last few weeks have been busy ones for Andrews University but a thread throughout many events has been our requirement to look back, pause in the present, and then look to the future. Let me share some of these with you.

A highlight each year is our Awards Night. Here we recognize faculty and staff for their years of service at the University and give specific awards for outstanding service, teaching or research. What huge commitment and giftedness by so many! This is the fabric of our history—the talents and sacrifices of wonderful people, who are here because their hearts are here. This is also our future: our staff and faculty who are listening daily to hear the quiet voice of God. I am privileged to work with these amazing individuals.

The University is also coming towards the end of a new Strategic Planning cycle. Our new plan will be a future that involves new technologies, recognizes changing demographics and changing models of higher education, opens up new opportunities: all possibilities built on an understanding of and learning from our past. So we have been looking back, reflecting on how God is part of the equation, and then projecting forward an exciting future—more on that in another FOCUS.

by Stephen Payne

Take a behind-the-scenes look at the #ItIsTimeAU video, and President Andrea Luxton and Andrews University’s response to issues of race and equity on our campus.

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The annual faculty and staff awards celebration featured a British theme this year. Food and entertainment highlighted favorites such as crumpets and mushy peas, Shakespeare and The Beatles. Recognizing 1,550 combined years of service, excellence in teaching, research, faith development and service, this is always an inspiring occasion.

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Dear Editor,

It was my privilege and joy to be a colleague of Ruth Kaiser at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School (RMES) for 11 years. I observed firsthand her excellence in the classroom and her devotion to her students. She chose a humble and frugal lifestyle for herself that she might be extravagantly generous in offering educational assistance to students and families in need.

For years into her retirement, she collected day-old baked goods from local bakeries for distribution to AU students. As I watched Ruth in action I considered her a contemporary version of the biblical woman who gave her two mites to the Temple. Of that woman, the Lord said, “She hath done what she could.” Those are fitting words in reflecting on Ruth Kaiser’s life now.

She will be lovingly remembered by countless former RMES and AU students for her generous spirit and loving concern. Adventist education has lost a faithful supporter.

Marilyn Bauer (MAT ’75, former faculty)

Dear Editor,

As her parents, we were pleasantly surprised and proud to see our daughter, Laura Malcolm, featured on pages 14–15 of the fall 2016 issue of FOCUS. The magazine has lain open to those pages on our coffee table since!

Laura has always been full of energy; it is fun to see how that is now being channeled into triathlon events and her work at Andrews University.

Robert T. Johnston (BS ’81)
Kathy (Chapin) Johnston (BMus ’80)

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Please Note: The Choral Reunion (Singing Men, Ladies Chorus, Chorale) scheduled for June 30 & July 1, 2017 has been canceled. Hope to see you during Alumni Homecoming weekend, September 28–October 1, 2017.

Correction on “Mission Fully Alive,” page 26, fall 2016 FOCUS: Oleg Kostyuk is not an MDiv student. He is a PhD student and adjunct instructor of New Testament at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Our apologies for the error.
Andrews University Dept of Visual Art, Communication & Design

“"This is What We Do" , Steve Hansen
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andrews_university #Repost @jloganphoto who is a student photographer for the University. Such talent we enjoy here on campus!... #observatory

andrews_university "Pisa Duomo #2" (1983) by Rhonda Root, professor of architecture. On display in the James White Library here on campus. #art #color

andrews_university Pastor Dwight Nelson has been here at Andrews for very many years. As you can see in this photo, even he has a hard time keeping count! #34yearsandcounting (by @garrisonh)

andrews_university We are thankful for our SMs this week. #missionsweek

Andrews University Biology Congratulations to the 25+ biology faculty and students who attended and presented at the 2017 Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters! Very proud of our wonderful students and the professionalism they displayed in their presentations.

Andrews University School of Business Administration

A group of business students took a tour of the Money Museum at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago last week and enjoyed an informative presentation about money...lots and lots of money...

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—https://youtu.be/xe6bh_W2jUY — "This is What We Do", Steve Hansen
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