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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

THIS MARCH EDITION OF FOCUS is a little different. We are starting the tradition of giving to our alumni and friends an Annual President's Report as one of our quarterly FOCUS magazines. We are doing that so once a year we can reflect on the story of the University and you can experience a little of what we experience when we live and work at Andrews University. If you have been reading FOCUS over the last 18 months you will know that our Strategic Plan is called The Next Chapter, a critical part of the larger story of the University. Andrews, through its people, is alive, passionate, dedicated and creative. So the story of 2018 as you will read it is about the individuals who make this a great place to work and be. We want you to know our challenges but also enjoy with us the joys of the present and the hopes of the future.

So what will you find in this report?

We will share with you our student demographics: those who are on campus but also those who are part of our community but at a distance. Andrews University is not just Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. It is Andrews University in Puerto Rico and New England; it is

Andrews University in Vietnam and Romania; it is Andrews University from a home in New York or a desk in Sweden. We will introduce you to just a few individuals who have chosen to weave their personal story with ours.

We also want you to hear about what is happening in the academic programs of the University and in research. One of the strengths of Andrews University is how our students engage in research at both the undergraduate and graduate levels; and how our faculty often intentionally engage in research that intersects with our church and the community. We have additional stories to tell about our choices of new degrees; and the niches we believe we have at Andrews because of our strong mix of graduate programs.

And, of course, we are also very much about service and mission. I hope you are moved by some of our journeys of bringing change into the lives of our students and into the local and global communities during this last year. I wish we could share more in this area—there is so much we could share.

And finally, we will give you an insight into our finances, some of

the challenging decisions we have had to make in 2018 such as shutting down the dairy, and the generosity we have experienced as we have raised money to open the Andraesen Center for Wellness.

This last year we chose a tagline: World Changers Made Here. I hope that through the information and stories we will share in these next few pages you will experience why we have chosen that tagline, for we do indeed see world changers at and graduating from this University.

Do enjoy our 2018 Annual President's Report: our story of 2018 at Andrews University.

Andrea Luxton, *president*

