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Christopher Shuler, a member of Pioneer Memorial Church, annually reprises his role as a Roman guard in the Andrews University Passion Play.

Passion Play returns to two-day format

The 2013 Andrews University Passion Play will return to a two-day format with rotations on both Sabbath, April 6, and Sunday, April 7. Tickets will be available beginning March 1.

The Passion Play is a stirring, interactive portrayal of Christ's final days on Earth. The production relies upon the concerted efforts of hundreds of students, faculty and community volunteers who spend countless hours converting the campus into a miniature New Testament world. It features live animals, biblical markets, Roman soldiers and well-researched character portrayals.

Tickets are free and in high demand so, if you plan to attend, don't delay in making a reservation. You can participate in the complete tour of performances within 90 minutes. Ticket holders are requested to arrive 30 minutes before their ticket time. Be sure to wear weather-appropriate clothes and walking shoes.

For news and updates about the Passion Play, to sign up as a volunteer or to reserve your ticket, go to <http://andrews.edu/passionplay> or call 269-471-3211.

Andrews ranks on 'Overperforming School' list

Andrews University was recently ranked No. 11 on *U.S. News & World Report's* "Overperforming Schools in the Nation" list, with an overall score of +75. This concept measures the degree to which a university's overall position in the rankings exceeds or falls short of its undergraduate academic reputation rank.

This was the magazine's first-ever analysis of colleges in the national universities ranking category that are overperforming or underperforming their undergraduate academic reputations in terms of their overall "Best Colleges 2013" rankings.

"This report appears to support the reality that small, private/Christian institutions can — and often do — offer an environment of excellence and nurturing where students thrive and succeed, often beyond what might be expected," says Andrea Luxton, provost of Andrews. "However, it is also difficult for smaller institutions to find the resources to communicate that value widely, which inevitably leads to an underestimation of value. As far as Andrews is concerned, this report recognizes that our quality programs are very competitive with some of the best institutions in the nation."

In the study, the schools that were ranked performed well in key academic metrics such as selective admissions, financial and faculty resources, alumni giving, and graduation and retention rates. Andrews was the only institution in the Seventh-day Adventist

educational system to be recognized as an overperforming university.

"With the additional value of the element of our Christian community, we have a winning combination!" says Luxton.

For more information on the rankings, visit <http://www.andrews.edu/news>.



C. Adelina Alexe

Seminary student wins sermon contest

C. Adelina Alexe, a graduate student at the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, is one of 12 winners of a Stewardship Sermon Contest. The contest was open to North American active or retired ministers and graduate ministerial students. More than 100 sermons were submitted. The contest was sponsored by North American Division Stewardship and Ministerial Departments, and *Ministry* magazine. The 12 winning sermons will be published in a book and made available to pastors and church leaders.

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