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At an April 13 award ceremony, Michigan Campus Compact recognized Andrews University students for their involvement in focused service activities on campus and in local communities.

## Students awarded by Michigan Campus Compact

Fifteen Andrews University students received awards on April 13 from Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) at ceremonies held at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing. MCC represents a consortium of 40 Michigan public and private colleges and universities that encourages students to engage in focused service activities on campus and particularly in local communities.

Thirteen Andrews students received the "Heart and Soul" award. They were (back row, left to right): Kimberly Clark, Janna DeWind,

Katelyn Nieman, Stephanie Oliver and Olivia Knott; and (front row, left) Atniel Quetz. Not pictured are Rodney Allen, Kathlyn Bearce, Tacyana Behrmann, Brittany Felder, Laury Fouche, Daniel Morea and Amy Moreno. Two Andrews students received special recognition with the "Commitment to Service" award. They were Katelyn Ruiz (front row, center) and Charles "Carlos" Trimble (not pictured).

Award recipients were nominated by Andrews faculty and staff. The University's participation in the event was coordinated by Larry Ulery (front row, right), assistant professor of community service programming and director of service learning.

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## Andrews Trails are a best-kept secret

One of Andrews University's best-kept secrets is the Andrews Trails — more than 11 miles of walking, running and single-track mountain biking trails that are quietly tucked away on the

northwest side of campus. There are two main access points: the Pathfinder Building lot or the parking lot along Campbell Drive, the road leading to Timber Ridge Manor. "The trail systems are a valuable asset for our students, employees and community," says Dale Hodges, director of the Office of Campus Safety. "They

are already heavily used by mountain bikers, walkers, hikers and even some University classes. The trails are routinely monitored, and we look forward to installing a permanent parking lot and trail signage to make the trails an even better recreational option on our campus."

Bruce Jones, a long-time community member, is one of several biking enthusiasts who routinely rides the Andrews Trails. He remembers the trails from his days as a young boy in Pathfinders, when he frequently explored the areas surrounding the Pathfinder Building. "But the trails really started to take shape in the 1990s. People began to take an interest and started to take care of the trails, too," Jones says. Many of the routine trail riders also are volunteers who regularly monitor the trails to ensure fallen limbs are cleared.

There is a 10-mile, single-track mountain bike trail and a two-mile loop ideal for runners. "It's a very challenging trail, not because of jumps but because there's a lot of elevation gain. It's aerobically challenging," says Jones.

Transportation and Campus Safety will work during the summer to install a permanent parking lot in place of the dirt parking area along the entrance to Timber Ridge Manor. The development of trail signage is underway which will include a map kiosk at the entrance and trail markers. There also will be points of interest markers for places such as the Andrews Observatory, the Bowl and the Corkscrew.

The trails are open to the public and are closed from dusk until dawn. A PDF trail map is available for download at: [http://andrews.edu/life/rec/area\\_recreation/outdoor\\_recreation.html](http://andrews.edu/life/rec/area_recreation/outdoor_recreation.html). For more information, visit the Andrews Trails Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-TrailsAndrews/267043633400712?fref=ts>, or contact the Office of Campus Safety at 269-471-3321.

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