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Emmanuel Rudatsikira

## Dean named for new School of Health Professions

Emmanuel Rudatsikira has been appointed dean of the newly-created School of Health Professions. This new school will include all of the health-related sciences: the Departments of Nursing, Physical Therapy, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology, and Nutrition & Wellness. Rudatsikira begins June 1, and will occupy an office suite in Harrigan Hall.

“Emmanuel Rudatsikira brings to Andrews University a successful and wide-ranging background in leadership in health professions education, as well as a significant history of research, much of it achieved through receipt of research grants,” says Andrea Luxton, provost. “His professional focus is on service, and he has engaged in many international projects to improve the quality of life through health awareness.”

Rudatsikira earned a doctorate in public health epidemiology from Loma Linda University and his medical degree from Kinshasa University. He is a member of several

professional societies, including the American Public Health Association, the Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health, the Global Health Council and the Adventist International Medical Society.

Prior to accepting the position at Andrews, Rudatsikira was a tenured professor and chair of the School of Community and Environmental Health at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va. He also has served as a professor and program director at San Diego State University and Loma Linda University, developing several new programs and courses in tobacco control, emergency preparedness and response, and public and global health at both universities. Rudatsikira began his career as a physician in Burundi, Africa.

A devoted researcher, Rudatsikira has published 75 articles in peer-reviewed journals. He is a recognized figure in the global health field, and has conducted research in more than 30 countries in all six regions of the World Health Organization. Rudatsikira also has worked as an evaluator and consultant for programs, including the Adventist Development and Relief Agency’s Child Survival projects in Guinea, Zambia and Haiti.

Rudatsikira is actively involved in church and public service. He serves as public health specialty editor for *WebMed Central Plus* and associate editor for *BioMed Central Public Health Journal*, to name only two. Rudatsikira is also a frequent contributor and reviewer for numerous peer-reviewed journals, including the *Academic Pediatric Journal*, *Clinical Practice and Epidemiology in Mental Health* and the *Risk Reduction Journal*.

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## ‘Swimming in a Sea of Diversity’ included in public art display

This year, summertime visitors to St. Joseph, Mich., will discover a treasure trove of art dotting the streets of the downtown area, including one particularly diverse sculpture, courtesy of Andrews University. Among the city’s public art display, themed “Beached Pirates Arrrrt,” stands a dolphin titled “Swimming in a Sea of Diversity.” Artist Nicholas J. Jones, an Andrews alum and current staff member, created the piece, which was sponsored by the University.

This was the first time Andrews participated in the public art display. Each year, the Andrews student body represents 90–100 different countries. This diverse make-up is one of the reasons Andrews is repeatedly cited in *U.S. News & World Report* for its cultural diversity.

When the opportunity arose to create this piece, Jones found a creative way to illustrate the international flavor of Andrews. He was provided with a white, fiberglass dolphin. From there, he chose flags as a theme, and collage as his method. The piece took Jones approximately 75–80 hours to complete and is covered with 3,500 flag stickers.

“I’ve made dozens of collages in my life, but always flat — to be hung on a wall. I had to really reconsider some of my methods and adopt some different aspects to how I work,” says Jones.

“Beached Pirates Arrrrt” in St. Joseph will remain on display through Oct. 1.

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