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The Andrews University Department of Engineering & Computer Science's computing program is now accredited through the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology). The computing program offers a Bachelor of Science in Computing with emphases in computer science and software systems. The engineering program has been ABET accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET since 2006.

"The Department of Engineering & Computer Science is a family and, through a team effort (including the support of Verlyn Benson, immediate past dean of the College of Technology, and Keith Mattingly, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences), ABET accreditation of the computing program has affirmed the strength of our program," says George Agoki, chair. "We plan to use the processes of accreditation, which includes assessment, to keep our computing and engineering programs on the cutting edge. ABET accreditation is valuable to Andrews University but also, more importantly, to our students as they continue their academic or professional journeys."

ABET is the nationally-recognized accrediting body for college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering and technology. ABET is a federation of 31 professional and technical societies that contribute funds and volunteers to set policy, develop strategy and conduct ABET accreditation activities worldwide on behalf of their professions. There are more than 3,100 ABET-accredited programs at more than 660 colleges and universities in 23 countries. ABET is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

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Mary Jane Cunningham has worked at Andrews University for 47 years. Family and friends gathered at the Andrews University Bookstore on Aug. 15 to celebrate her 90th birthday.

Andrews employee celebrates 90th birthday

On Wednesday, Aug. 15, family and friends came to the Andrews University Bookstore to celebrate Mary Jane Cunningham's 90th birthday and thank her for 47 years of service at Andrews, the last 14 at the bookstore. Before Mary Jane was employed at Andrews, she was a student at what was then Emmanuel Missionary College.

The Andrews Bookstore was decorated with balloons, and refreshments were served with treats brought by friends. The event was filled with laughter and smiles as people gathered together to celebrate with Mary Jane.

Mary Jane attended Andrews in the early mid-1940s and met Loren Cunningham while she was a pre-nursing student. They married in 1947, and had two children: David and Penny.

In the 47 years that Mary Jane has worked at Andrews, she has held several

jobs. Her first job was as a hostess in the student lounge. She supervised students for approximately three years before starting work at Dining Services, where she was a hostess for an additional 30 years. At the young age of 76, Mary Jane was offered a position at the Andrews Bookstore, where she still works today. Mary Jane keeps the store neat and organized as she interacts and learns about the students on campus. She enjoys meeting students and working at Andrews, and hasn't given much thought to retirement. "I plan to keep working for years to come," she says.

"Mary Jane is our inspiration. Love shines all around her as she freely gives it. God must be so proud of her as she is His faithful helper every day!" says Cheryl Kean, manager. "If anyone ever needs a warm smile and a kind word, just stop by the Andrews Bookstore between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m."

Mary Jane has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, with another one on the way.

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