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Thorpe named dean of distance education

Alayne Thorpe has been appointed dean of distance education for Andrews University. Concurrently, she also serves as the interim president of Griggs University, whose ownership was transferred to Andrews University in November 2010. Upon the physical move of Griggs University to the Andrews campus, Thorpe's role will become solely focused on being the dean of distance education at Andrews.

For the past 30 years, Thorpe has served in a variety of capacities for Griggs, beginning as a course developer/editor, soon taking on a director-level role and spending much of her career with Griggs as senior vice president for education. Owned and operated by



Alayne Thorpe

the Seventh-day Adventist Church and headquartered in Silver Spring, Md., since 1909, Griggs provides values-based distance education to students around the world from preschool through college and graduate levels. Since 1988, Thorpe has also served as a part-time adjunct professor in English and education for both undergraduate and graduate levels at Washington Adventist University, University of Maryland and University of Maryland University College.

Thorpe is a triple alum of the University of Maryland. She holds bachelor (1977) and master (1980) degrees in English and a Ph.D. in Modern British Literature (1987).

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Students produce Envision magazine

After a semester of writing, photographing, editing and designing, *Envision* magazine's winter/spring 2011 issue is finished and available.

The magazine, created and designed exclusively by Andrews University students, features inspiring stories as well as various articles, poetry, photography and artwork. This is the second issue of the magazine.

"This magazine is a showcase of Christian collegiate youth," says Debbie Michel, associate professor at the Department of Communication and *Envision* editor-in-chief. "There's so much talent in the community that needs to be seen. But on a spiritual level, the talent that the stories are encased in serves as an attractive vessel for the testimonies and the gospel."

Sponsored by the Department of Communication, the Christian collegiate lifestyle magazine was officially released on Thursday, Feb. 3. Ideas for this issue of *Envision* began to take shape at the beginning of the school year. It involved an interdisciplinary group of students from Beginning Media Writing, Advanced Studio Photography, Educational Psychology and InDesign courses.

The current issue includes topics like paying for graduate school, decorating dorm rooms, surviving the winter blues and even recipes for preparing vegan meals.

The magazine gives practical experience to a host of communication, photography and journalism majors looking for real-life opportunities in the field.

Envision is available for sale on campus at the Andrews Bookstore and Gazebo. In Berrien Springs, it's available at Apple Valley, Harding's Supermarket and the Adventist Book Center. The third issue is in the early stages of production and scheduled for release in the fall. To become involved and/or to learn more about *Envision*, visit www.envisionmagazine.com.

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