

Employee Awards Night 2020

A celebration of accomplishments and the return of Golden Cardinal Awards

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Ryan Hayes, professor of chemistry, and his wife Suzi were entertaining hosts for the 2020 Awards Night on Sunday, March 1. (Photo by Lloyd Martinez, University Communication student photographer)

Awards Night 2020 was held Sunday, March 1, in the Howard Performing Arts Center. Employees of Andrews University gathered to celebrate each other's accomplishments and enjoy time together. As guests entered the Howard Lobby, an ice sculpture of a Cardinal demonstrated the evening's theme: Golden Cardinal Awards. After an hour of food and fellowship, attendees moved to the auditorium.

The program began with a warm welcome by President Andrea Luxton. Ryan Hayes, professor of chemistry, and his wife Suzi set a light tone for the evening as they introduced each of the six Golden Cardinal Awards throughout the program. These "fun and fake" awards were purely for entertainment purposes. To view the entries, click on the title links below:

[Golden Cardinal I: Best Regalia](#)—**Winner:** Sonia Badenas, assistant professor of French, Department of International Languages & Global Studies

[Golden Cardinal II: Best Office Fit Break](#)—**Winner:** GIA/CEIS team

[Golden Cardinal III: Best Employee on a Skateboard](#)—**Winner:** Melissa Bolle, catering manager, Dining Services

[Golden Cardinal IV: Best Southern Accent](#)—**Winner:** Andrea Luxton/Cody Harmon, president/Seminary student

[Golden Cardinal V: Best Sam's Chicken Dipping Sauce](#)—**Winner:** Carlisle Sutton, director, Office of Community Engagement Integration & Service

[Golden Cardinal VI: Best Climate World Changer](#)—**Winner:** Angela Sonnenberg, administrative assistant, Department of Biology

At the conclusion of the night, Artur Stele, board chair and General Conference vice president, expressed his appreciation for the people of Andrews, closing the evening with a prayer of blessing.

The following faculty and staff were honored for their years of service to Andrews University as well as for excellence in service, teaching, research, faith development and wellness.

Click on individual names below to view the video tributes presented:

25 Years of Service

[Erich Baumgartner](#), professor of leadership and intercultural communication, Department of Leadership

[Roy Gane](#), professor of Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near Eastern languages, Department of Old Testament

[Tom Goodwin](#), professor of paleobiology, Department of Biology

[William Greenley](#), assistant professor of computer information systems, Department of Computing

[Dan Hamstra](#), director, Office of Telecommunications

[Elizabeth Oakley](#), associate professor of physical therapy, School of Rehabilitation Sciences

[Sara Snider](#), housekeeper, Meier Hall—retired

[Emma Tenorio](#), housekeeping supervisor, Meier Hall

30 Years of Service

[Mickey Kutzner](#), professor of physics, Department of Physics

[Arlen Springer](#), power plant foreman, Office of Plant Services

[Curtis VanderWaal](#), chair/professor of social work, School of Social Work

[Bill Wolfer](#), chair/assistant professor of computer science, Department of Computing

35 Years of Service

[Lorena Bidwell](#), chief information officer, Information Technology Services

[Lois Grimm](#), administrative assistant, Office of Transportation

[Jim Massena](#), director, Office of Institutional Research

40 Years of Service

[Richard Davidson](#), J.N. Andrews professor of Old Testament interpretation, Department of Old Testament

[Norma Greenidge](#), bibliographic services & periodicals head, James White Library
[Margarita Mattingly](#), chair/professor of physics, Department of Physics
[Donald May](#), assistant provost for undergraduate initiatives & Andrews Core Experience (ACE)—retired
[Rebecca May](#), campus & community relations director, Office of University Communication—retired
[Donald Smith](#), groundskeeper, Office of Arboretum/Grounds
[Dianne Wilson](#), operations manager, Dining Services

45 Years of Service

[Bonnie Beres](#), administrative assistant, Department of Christian Ministry
[Ronald Neumann](#), telephone support, Office of Telecommunications

Daniel A. Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Awards

[Oliver Glanz](#), associate professor of Old Testament, Department of Old Testament
[Desrene Vernon-Brebnor](#), assistant professor of communication, Department of Visual Art, Communication & Design

Siegfried H. Horn Awards for Excellence in Research & Creative Scholarship

[S. Joseph Kidder](#), professor of Christian ministry, Department of Christian Ministry
[Gustavo Gregorutti](#), professor of leadership and higher education, Department of Leadership

Excellence in Service Awards

[Maxwell Jardine](#), HVAC foreman/master electrician, Office of Plant Services—retired
[Ada Mendez](#), associate dean's secretary, Deans' Office, Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary—retired
[Lynn Merklin](#), assistant provost/director, Office of Institutional Effectiveness

Faith Development Leadership Award

[Adriana Perera-Larrarte](#), chair/associate professor of music, Department of Music

Wellness Champion Award

[Deby Andvik](#), assistant to the dean, College of Health & Human Services