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Profiles of Youth [ ANDREWS UNIVERSITY ]

Tyler Bodí, 18, grew up in Kalamazoo, Mich. He attended Great Lakes Adventist Academy, and is currently a freshman studying political science and pre-law at Andrews University. Tyler enjoys reading about history and world cultures. After graduating from Andrews, he hopes to continue his education at a respectable law school. In his free time, Tyler enjoys music, photography/movie-making, traveling, interacting with people, playing sports, learning and laughing.

Since coming to Andrews, Tyler has taken an active role in student leadership, forming Flamekeepers, a student-run Bible study group which grew out of his academy experience. “The Flamekeeper purpose is to be a living demonstration of Christ’s influence, to maintain spiritual-highs and press fellow students to diligently pursue personal growth,” says Tyler.

“The Flamekeeper Bible studies have been excellent at providing additional opportunities to meditate on heavenly things. But they are simply this, a supplement, not a substitution for each student’s individual time with God.”

Miriam Sanchez, 23, is the daughter of Ernesto and Rosa Sanchez of Chicago, Ill. Her family moved to the United States from the Dominican Republic in 1995. Miriam remembers that her father said, “If you forget where you came from, we will return to Santo Domingo!”

Miriam is a junior nursing major at Andrews University. “What draws me to nursing is the concept of restoration to the image of God that we as Andrews nursing students have committed to,” says Miriam. After she graduates in May 009, Miriam plans to take the NCLEX exam for her RN certification. “I hope I submit to God’s will and timing for my life,” says Miriam. “Wherever He leads, I will follow.”

In addition to school, Miriam spends her time working as a dean’s assistant for the women’s dormitory. She also loves music, laughing and playing sports—especially snowboarding.

“God is very real to me,” says Miriam. “There have been many trials in my life, but by His grace He has and is taking me through the storm. I am learning to set aside my own wants and dreams, and strive to follow His will and plan for my life.

“Interestingly enough, as I submit to His will, I find that my wants have been more than satisfied, and my dreams are becoming realities that I never thought possible. I pray He takes full control of me so that everything I do will please Him and bring Him honor.”

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