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Detriot Free Press, PBS journalists speak at Andrews

Two noted journalists visited Andrews University to address students during the first week of October. Caesar Andrews, executive editor for the *Detriot Free Press*, shared his passion for journalism with a group of students on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

"I have a job that allows me to use my skills and ideals in order to make something—a community, an organization—better." These inspiring words serve as a sort of mantra for Andrews, executive editor of the *Detriot Free Press* since 2005. Andrews has also worked for such high-profile news agencies as *USA Today* and Gannett News Service.

Later that same week, Ray Suarez, award-winning broadcast journalist and Washington-based senior correspondent for PBS's "*The NewsHour*," was the featured speaker for University Forum. He addressed students in the filled-to-capacity Howard Performing Arts Center. The monthly Forum, often presented by noted leaders, focuses on major issues of concern to Christians as they live and work in the world.

"It's a joy to be on a Seventh-day Adventist campus. I've long admired the church for its steadfast fidelity to its own way of being Christian and its strong defense of the free exercise of minority faith, and most especially for the church's rigorous and consistent defense of the separation of

church and state," he said.

Suarez, author of *The Holy Vote*, a look at the convergence of faith and politics in America, gave an eye-opening look at the current religious climate in the political arena. Immediately following the Forum, Suarez was the guest of honor at a Leadership Luncheon with student leaders from across campus.

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Grand opening of new milking parlor and Visitor's Center celebrated

One hundred and one years after their first cow was milked, the Andrews University Farm and Dairy celebrated the grand opening of a new milking parlor and Visitor's Center on Friday, Sept. 26.

During the dedication ceremony in the new Visitor's Center, Niels-Erik Andreasen, Andrews University president, acknowledged the importance of the farm and dairy not only to Andrews, but to underdeveloped countries around the world. "It's a university farm and it's a good one, and it helps the university reach out around the world and support people in need."

The new facility allows

the simultaneous milking of 40 cows by machines with automatic take-off devices that sense when the milk flow has dropped low enough to remove the machine and stop milking that cow. Three milk-

ings a day, 365 days a year, resulted in shipping more than 2.4 million gallons of milk in 2007. The milk produced at the dairy is marketed by the Michigan Milk Producers Association Cooperative. Some of it is used locally to make cheese at Old Europe Cheese Inc. in Benton Harbor, Mich.

The Farm and Dairy takes pride in its educational, research-focused facility offering students hands-on experience at a commercial operation. The herd, comprised of approximately 1,250 cows, is housed at both Andrews University and Indiana Academy in Cicero, Ind. Young heifers are sent to Indiana Academy at four months old and return to Andrews to join the milking herd at 22 months.

The facility also provides hands-on opportunities for students studying in any of the five degrees offered by the Department of Agriculture. A memorandum of understanding with Zaoksky Adventist University (ZAU) in Russia is in development to allow agriculture students from ZAU to transfer to Andrews to complete their degree. The department prides itself on preparing "agricultural specialists" for service in underdeveloped countries and around the world, including providing support to grow vegetables and eggs for use at a center dedicated to assisting orphans in Swaziland.

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