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Third Annual Easter Passion Play

Andrews University (AU) will host its third annual *Easter Passion Play* on Easter weekend, Mar. 26–27. In the past two years, thousands of lives have been blessed by the story of Christ's life and death on the cross as they find themselves in the midst of an ancient Palestinian marketplace, watch Pontious Pilate wash the guilt off his hands, or see the light of Jesus' resurrection on that misty Sunday morning.

Last year almost 9,500 people from across the Michiana region, as well as Chicago and even as far as Rochester, New York, visited the AU campus to witness the play, and just as many are expected to come this year. Brit Steele (director), Heidi Whitehead (co-director), Mindy Berlin (assistant director), Ben Juhl (drama director), and Leilani Bermeo (administrative coordinator), as well as hundreds of volunteers, have been working for months to bring the story of salvation to life.



Rodrigo Correa depicts Jesus riding through Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

New to this year's play will be one performance presented entirely in Spanish. For the past two years, translation services have been available, but this year Spanish-speaking visitors will experience the story fully in their own language.

There will be a total of 24, 90-minute performances on a rotating schedule, beginning at 2:45 p.m. on Saturday afternoon and 10:30 a.m.



The hope of resurrection morning, depicted by David Oakley.

on Sunday morning. The first performance on Sunday morning will be videotaped, and therefore take extra time. Tickets are free, but required, and can be picked up at the AU Bookstore, the Adventist Book Center in Berrien Springs, Mich., Banner Books, in St. Joseph, Mich., or by emailing passionplaytickets@hotmail.com.

The *Easter Passion Play* is co-sponsored by AU and the Center for Youth Evangelism.

For more information about the 2005 *Easter Passion Play*, logon to <http://passionplay.andrews.edu>.

Beverly Stout, University Relations correspondent

Clinical and Laboratory Sciences Department Reports Happy Diagnosis

"We are extraordinarily pleased and very proud of the accomplishments of our program graduates," said Marcia Kilsby, Andrews University Department of Clinical and Laboratory Sciences chair. Considering the latest news from the department, it isn't hard to understand why.

One hundred percent of the August 2004 graduating class passed the American Society for Clinical Pathology medical technologist certification exam. Graduates may now use the

initials MT(ASCP) after their name to show proficiency in their field.

The mean score for the Andrews graduates was higher than the national mean for all applicants and greater than the mean for participating universities.

Nine students from five different countries made up the class that graduated with the Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science (BSCLS)—formerly called Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology—and passed the MT(ASCP) exam.

Since accreditation in 1989, the program has graduated students from 55 different birth countries. "We are recognized as one of the most international and diverse CLS (Clinical Laboratory Science) programs in the United States," said Kilsby.

The degree qualifies students to work within the field of clinical diagnostic testing. "Seventy percent of medical decisions are based on diagnostic testing," Kilsby noted, highlighting the relevance of the field to the medical world. "For years, all of our graduates seeking employment in the field have been offered jobs, often with sign-on bonuses. There is a national shortage of certified individuals. Government projections predict that the need will grow," said Kilsby.

Despite its obvious academic successes, the Andrews CLS department feels its mission transcends traditional academics. The program has a very definite mission. Kilsby said, "The faculty has dedicated this program to Seventh-day Adventist Christian education in the area of clinical laboratory health care."

Bjorn Karlman, University Relations student newswriter