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On May 23–24, 2005, Dennis Meyers, CEO of Manchester Memorial Hospital in Manchester, Ky., and Mark Laws, Manchester Memorial chaplain, visited the Andrews University campus in search of a student to fill a new full-time internship position to begin this fall.

Manchester Memorial will hire an Andrews student, preferably a graduate student, to work full time toward the creation of an initiative against childhood obesity, a major problem in the area.

Located in Clay County, one of the poorest counties in the nation, Manchester suffers from high unemployment and welfare rates, and a below 50 percent average for high school graduates. Due to the amount of poverty, the area suffers from many diet-related health issues, of which childhood obesity is one of the biggest.

The intern will work with local schools and the hospital to create awareness and put together programs throughout the year. One of the main responsibilities will be to coordinate summer day camps that focus on health and wellness for children in 2006. The intern will be considered a regular hospital staff member, receive a small

stipend plus payment for all expenses, and have tuition paid for the following year of school.

Andrews students have already been building relationships and playing an active role in the Manchester community, traveling there on *We Care* domestic mission trips for the past three summers, working on various projects such as building repairs, painting, and children's ministries.

Meyers and the Manchester Memorial staff, part of Adventist Health System, believe mission is a very important aspect of their work in the community. "If we lose sight of our mission, then we won't be very successful," noted Meyers. "Mission is the most important thing."

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Students and Faculty Honored with Awards

On Apr. 14, 2005, Andrews University honored the achievements of students and faculty at the annual awards assembly held in the Howard Performing Arts Center. This is the time of year when students receive scholarships and special honors for academic and athletic achievements from their departments and different entities on campus. It is also the chance for students to recognize special professors with the student-chosen *Advisor of the Year* and *Teacher of the Year* awards. Both of these awards are determined by feedback received on evaluations filled out by the students.

Jane Sabes, associate professor of political science, was this year's recipient of the *Teacher of the Year* award. Sabes,



Diane Ford, assistant professor of nursing, is presented with the Advisor of the Year award by two of her students.

however, was not able to be present to hear the kind words said about her at the time the award was given. She was taking a class out on a promised end-of-the-semester lunch, a perfect demonstration of her commitment to her students.

This year's *Advisor of the Year* award went to Diane Ford, assistant professor of nursing. Students shared quotes taken from student advisor evaluations describing the positive impact Ford had on their college experience.

"I just do what I imagine most other faculty at Andrews do," said Ford. "I try to do what is important to students, such as spending time with them, being available, giving friendly comments, and encouraging words. I feel honored and very appreciative to have received this award."

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Mark Laws, chaplain, and Dennis Meyers, Manchester Memorial Hospital CEO