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It's our heritage

Andrews University has always been a training ground for leaders—church leaders, leaders in ministry and mission, leaders in the professions. Historically, students have come from around the world to develop, among other things, their leadership potential.

These students may not know it when they arrive, but there is perhaps no better model of unbending altruistic service and leadership in our university's history than our institution's namesake, J. N. Andrews (read President Andreasen's perspective on p. 44). Andrews's departure for Europe as the church's first official overseas missionary demanded not only courage and ability but also a complete trust in God. It is through stories like his that we can better recognize the rich tradition of leadership we have inherited and that lives on through the work of this school.

So with this issue of Focus, we embark on a renewed effort to bring you stories of leadership—of students, faculty, staff, and alumni who, like J. N. Andrews, set a courageously high mark in their respective fields.

In "Time Pieces," Andrews historian Merrie Jones Gray pays tribute to former EMC president, O. J. Graf, whose enormous contributions to the university have been largely neglected and forgotten. From 1908–1918, notes Jones Gray, Graf steadied the struggling college, overcoming financial ruin while strengthening the school's academic credibility.

Speaking of superb leaders, English Professor Beverly Matiko profiles alumnus Andrea Luxton, whose service and leadership have literally spanned the globe. A former President of Newbold College in England, and now Associate Director of Education for the General Conference, Luxton will assume the presidency of Canadian Union College in July.

In early September following the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina, Andrews students, faculty and staff were among the thousands of volunteers who immediately set aside their daily routines to help out along the Gulf Coast. University Relations media relations coordinator Beverly Stout, who traveled with the Andrews contingent to Bass Memorial Academy in Lumberton, Mississippi, considers how such service and mission opportunities can forge participants' leadership abilities.

This past Homecoming Weekend, the School of Business celebrated its 25th anniversary. FOCUS sat down with the Dean of the School of Business, Annetta Gibson, to commemorate the occasion and to examine ways the program can stay relevant in the 21st century.

Finally, we take a look at one of the more innovative degree programs Andrews offers, the Leadership Program housed in the School of Education. University Relations staff writer Elizabeth Lechleitner showcases this appealing educational enterprise that caters to working professionals around the world who are intent on improving their leadership skills.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ivan Davis".

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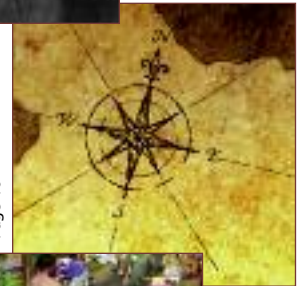
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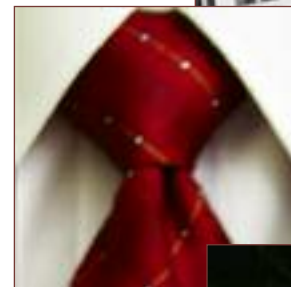
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Student staff photographer Josef Kissinger shot this decorative fall arrangement at the New Alumni Gathering during Homecoming Weekend.