



The Oliver Family



Orlan Johnson



The Santrac Family



The Magsipoc Family

**William Faber** (BA '79) graduated from Andrews on June 3, 1979, with a BA in Communication. He then attended Loma Linda University and received his MD in May of 1983. William received a Master of Arts in Medical Ethics through Loma Linda in 1987 and a Master of Science in Medical Management from Harvard University in 2009. He currently works as regional medical director for Advocate Medical Group in Chicago, Ill.

## 1980s

**Willie Oliver** (MA '81) was elected director for the Department of Family Ministries for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at the General Conference Session held in Atlanta, Ga., June–July 2010. Oliver holds a PhD in family sociology from American University and an MA in sociology from Columbia University in New York City. He has served as director of family ministries for the North American Division, the Atlantic Union Conference and the Greater New York Conference where he also served as senior pastor and youth pastor in New York City. His wife, Elaine, a veteran university administrator, was elected associate director for the General Conference Department of Family Ministries. Their daughter, Jessica (BA '10), is currently a graduate student in public health at Loma Linda University. Their son, Julian, is an undergraduate in environmental engineering.

**Orlan M. Johnson** (BA '84), co-chair of the Securities Transactions and Regulations Practice Group and a former attorney with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, was honored as a “trailblazer” by the SEC’s African American Council in observance of African American History Month. The award, which was presented live and via video conference to each of the SEC’s regional offices, recognizes recipients for their professional accomplishments and community service.

In addition to his corporate law practice, Johnson was appointed in 2009 by President Obama to serve as chairman of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC); an appointment later confirmed by the U.S. Senate in February 2010. He also serves on numerous boards of directors and the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland. In remarks Johnson gave at the ceremony, he said it was especially meaningful to be honored by the institution where he worked for nearly a decade. “To come back here, after so many years and to be honored with such a distinguished award is humbling,” said Johnson, who was the first person in his immediate and extended family to become an attorney. “I encourage all African Americans and people of all races to not be limited by your family, social status or challenging circumstances, but to remember that you do not always have to be a product of your environment, but you can be a product of your expectations.” While at the SEC, Johnson served for nine years as a staff attorney and Branch Chief in the Division of Investment Management. Johnson received his law degree in 1987 from Howard University School of Law.

## 1990s

**Aleksandar S. Santrac** (MA '99) is an associate professor of religion, ethics and philosophy at the University of the Southern Caribbean, Trinidad, West Indies. His fourth book (on the topic of philosophy of religion) has been accepted for publication in 2011 by Edwin Mellen Press, New York. Apart from his doctorate in philosophy (2003), post-doctoral fellowship from Catholic University in Paris, France and his philosophical scholarly career he is also doing his second doctorate (in dogmatic theology) with Greenwich School of Theology, United Kingdom. The topic of his research is “Sola Scriptura: The Word of God in the Writings of Benedict XVI and Contemporary Catholicism within Ecumenical Dialogue with Evangelical Theology.” Santrac is a regular visiting scholar/research visitor at the University of Notre Dame, Ind., and a member of The Society of Christian Philosophers and Society of Adventist Philosophers. He enjoys history, classical music and basketball. **Dragoslava Santrac** (MA '99) is an assistant professor of biblical languages (Hebrew and Greek) and biblical backgrounds at the University of the Southern Caribbean. She is currently doing her doctorate in Old Testament Theology at Greenwich School of Theology, UK. The topic of her research is “Sanctuary Cult in Relation to Religious Piety in the Book of Psalms.” She enjoys fellowship and cooking. They have two daughters, Nastasja Nada (8) and Emily Grace (4).



Virginia Romer



L-R: Aaron and Corey Knowlton



Lisa &amp; Paul Adams

**Jo-Anne (Vizcarra)** (BS '98) married Allen Magsipoc on the beaches of Negril, Jamaica on Feb. 19, 2009, at a destination wedding witnessed by family and friends. They have been blessed with the birth of their son, Rylan, on July 18, 2010. Jo-Anne writes, "Parenthood has truly been a life-changing experience, but definitely a blessing!" They are currently residing in Somerset, N.J.

**Virginia Romer** (MA '94, MA '98, PhD '04) has been in the teaching profession for 25 years. The first 12 was spent teaching English and literature to high school students, then she spent nine years as a guidance counselor. In August 2006, she was made vice principal of a high school on the island of Eleuthera located in the Bahamas. In August of 2010, she was promoted to principal of the San Salvador High School on the island of San Salavador, another of the many beautiful islands in the Bahamas. She is actively involved in the Cockburn Town Seventh-day Adventist Church on the island, using her talents and abilities to help in the finishing of God's work.

Virginia recently published her first book, *Experiencing the Goodness of God*. In the book, she shares personal experiences of the goodness of God and how he saved her from death. The book can be purchased on Amazon. She writes, "The book is excellent for adolescents, encouraging them never to give up on their goals. I recently completed my second book, a novel, which should be published shortly. It was not in my plan to be an author, but the two books came about through encouragement from many, especially the former president of the Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. I hope you would read the book and be blessed."

**Aaron Knowlton** (BSELED '00) and **Corey Knowlton** (BS '93) recently climbed a five-mile trail through snow to get to the top of Yosemite Point overlooking Half Dome in Yosemite National Park. The hike took place on Jan. 20, 2011. They were chaperones on a science field trip with 50 sixth graders from Redlands Adventist Academy. Corey writes, "A gentleman saw us wearing our shirts and asked if we were AU alumni. He had attended Pacific Union College. I'm not sure if you still post pictures in *Focus* of AU students and alumni wearing their school gear in cool locations." [Yes, we do!]

## 2000s

On July 1, 2010 (Canada Day), **Paul Adams** (BT '04) married Lisa Gage in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. He writes, "Thanks to my automotive management degree from Andrews University, I have worked for Toyota Canada in Toronto for the last four years. Currently, I am an area sales manager for the Ontario region. Lisa graduated from Waterloo University in 2005. She currently works as a social worker doing family and individual counselling in Peterborough, Ont."

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