

## Andrews impacts five

*You've heard of the Jackson Five, Take Six, and the Chicago Seven. We'd like to introduce you to the Bokich Five. The five Bokich brothers all attended Andrews between 1984 and 1999. Each brother has a story of Andrews' impact on his life.*

### Alex

Just when I found out the secret to balancing my college life with my Lord, my friends, my future wife, playing two hours of b-ball a day and getting excellent grades, it was time to graduate in June of 1988.

I couldn't believe that my initial intentions when I arrived at AU in 1984 were to find any possible way of getting back to my beloved New York City. What I discovered was that God had a plan—from Freshman Orientation all the way to my senior year graduation ceremony.

I never imagined back in 1984 how much of an impact AU would have on my life. I have PMC to thank for its role of providing and influencing my relationship with Christ. It was tough listening to anyone other than Dwight when I landed in Chicago, but thank goodness he's still only one and a half hours away, doing 80 mph on I-94!

AU also gave me lifelong friends. There is nothing better than picking up the phone or actually getting together with a friend from college where the common denominator is your past crazy experiences.

Another perk to attending Andrews was meeting my lifelong partner who gave birth to a little boy who looks exactly like me! Thanks, AU!

### Ben

Admittedly, the following list of memories and impressions of AU is somewhat personal; but I trust they will set off flashes of remembrance for some readers as well: rollerblading on the cracked sidewalks . . . softball intramurals . . . tulips in the spring . . . the wonderful byzantine architecture of Griggs Hall (do they really have to tear it down?) . . . memorable teachers and advisors . . . serving as AUSA treasurer in the

dungeon of the Student Center . . . working at the ad building . . . having my work supervisor write me an excuse to get out of Tuesday chapels and then writing an SM editorial calling for an abolishment of that practice . . . playing the lead role in Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*, the English Department play of 1995 . . . the joys and frustrations of romance . . . Meier Hall—our great loft and the freedom vis-a-vis Lamson Hall . . . Summer Scholars in 1989 . . . clearing the Student Affairs hurdle to live off campus with the brothers . . . the Gazebo . . . Baguette de France . . . Wind Symphony (those tiny practice rooms in the Music Building) . . . PMC . . . and, of course, the Lake Michigan beach walks/sunsets/and lazy Sabbath afternoons.

### Dom

My clearest memory of Andrews involves the biggest project of my life, during which I learned a lot about myself and my school.

In my fourth year two friends and I invented a product related to the inline skating industry. Throughout the project, our teachers in the School of Business were very supportive and willing to help. We also found needed resources, from video-editing equipment to funds available for entrepreneurs (the Zapara Fund).

In the end, the only issue that kept us from commercial success had nothing to do with Andrews, but with a rival patent application that preceded ours by a matter of months. Now, the owner of that patent has initiated a huge trend and has made a nice sum of money. I believe Andrews has the resources to help you become whatever you want to be. You just have to use them.

**Chris**

I'm thankful to Andrews University for giving me a good education and a good foundation for life after graduation. I feel fortunate to have studied at a small Christian university that prepared me to be the Christian that I am, living in a secular environment. I am also thankful for parents who instilled in me an ethic of achieving success in all aspects of life.

I learned many valuable lessons inside the classrooms at Andrews. Many others were learned outside the classroom while working in the administration building and as AUSA vice president. The most important of these lessons was observing and distinguishing the difference between effective and poor leadership. In the ad building, I saw leaders on all floors with professional, can-do attitudes mixed together with bureaucrats with poor people skills under the impression that life had little else to teach them.

If I were to pass on a good summary of what I learned throughout my four years of growth at AU, I'd tell people to never stop broadening their horizons, to interact with those different in background or nationality from your own, and not to settle for less than success in

every aspect of life as a result of letting God lead in your life.

**Manuel**

I transferred to Andrews over Christmas break last year from another Adventist school that initially enticed me with a sports scholarship. Unfortunately I found that this other school should have spent more time

focusing on other aspects of their curriculum besides sports.

After Christmas break, Berrien Springs and the lake-effect weather welcomed me into her icy-cold arms with three feet of snow in my first two days here. Along with the notorious weather, I discovered Andrews to be academically challenging.

Although this may be among the largest of Adventist schools, I still found all of my teachers to be very personable and helpful. The wonderful thing about Andrews is that its size is big enough to command respect, but small enough to

respect the individuality of each student. Andrews is renowned for its good academic reputation. Now if it could only get a good interscholastic sports program going, maybe some of my peers from high school would be willing to come brave the Michigan winters with me!



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**In the photo, from left to right: BEN (BBA '96) works as a business consultant for Arthur Andersen LLP in Chicago. DOMINIC (BBA '98) lives in Berrien Springs and is currently working on another small business project. CHRIS (BBA '99) is a business strategy and development specialist for Volkswagen-North American Region in Auburn Hills, Mich. MANUEL is a second-year marketing major, spending the year studying abroad in the ACA program at Bogenhofen, Austria, and will miss the Austrian mountains upon his return to the "flatlands" of Michigan next year. ALEX (BBA '88) is a mortgage banker with LaSalle Home Mortgage in Chicago, where he lives with his wife NICOLE (LAPOINTE) (BA '89, BS '89, MPT '90) and son Christian.**



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*Senior architecture major Otniel Tigu works on a model at Riffel Hall.*