

AU graduate receives Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship

Laurel Jean Teller, a BS speech-language pathology and audiology graduate (summa cum laude, May 2008), was one of 60 students throughout the United States to receive a \$5,000 fellowship from the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Eligibility for this fellowship is based on membership in Phi Kappa Phi and rigid competition with other applicants. When informed of this decision, Teller's response was, "I am awed and humbled to receive such an honor."

Teller will apply this fellowship toward her graduate studies at Indiana University, Bloomington, which is one of the four universities that have accepted her. Besides being a Phi Kappa Phi member, she was a J.N. Andrews Scholar and is a current member of the Alpha Mu Gamma Honor Society (International Languages). She received the Myrtle Rice Scholarship for speech-language pathology and audiology majors and has consistently been on the Dean's List.

Her honors research paper was about the Lindamood Phoneme Sequencing Program for children with Central Auditory Processing Disorders, a special technique she learned by attending a conference. The research was accepted for poster presentations at the American Academy of Audiology Conference and the Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference.

Teller has also been involved in leadership roles as pastor of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Club and co-administrative assistant for Andrews University Outreach. She spent one year as a student missionary to Honduras from 2005–2006 and went on a ten-day mission trip there in January 2007. She also volunteered in a drug rehabilitation program at Kettering Hospital Youth Services and served as a sign language teacher for the Pathfinder Club.

Phi Kappa Phi is an interdisciplinary



Cynthia Helm (left), president of the Andrews University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, congratulates Laurel Teller

honor society with nearly 300 chapters throughout the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others." The Andrews University Chapter has been active since its installation in 1989.

Pastor Dwight hits the 25-year mark



A day-long celebration of Pastor Dwight & Karen Nelson's 25 years of ministry to the Pioneer Memorial Church family took place on Sabbath, April 26, 2008. The scope of the event was a well-guarded secret and began at PMC with original lyrics by Ken Logan set to a familiar hymn and congratulatory messages from friends and church members. That afternoon a two-hour hymn fest took place in the Howard Performing Arts Center, followed by a reception with Pastor Dwight's favorite food—potato salad.

Online degrees accredited

The Departments of Nursing and Leadership & Educational Administration have received approval from the Higher Learning Commission of North Central Accreditation to offer several innovative degrees fully online.

At its meeting on April 28, 2008, the Institutional Actions Council voted to extend accreditation to include distance delivery of the Master of Arts (MA), Educational Specialist (EdS), Doctor of Education (EdD) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs in Educational Administration, and the Master of Science in Nursing (MS) with a Nursing Emphasis. The Commission Board of Trustees validated that action.

Degrees in K–12 Educational Administration and Higher Education Administration—both at the MA and PhD levels—will be available completely online. Leadership & Educational Administration will offer certificate, MA, EdS, EdD and PhD programs on-campus as well.

First SBA tour to Hong Kong



School of Business Administration students gathered at the "Big Buddha" on Lantau Island, Hong Kong. Sam Chuah, professor of economics, organized the first SBA tour to Hong Kong this summer for his BSAD475 Operations Management class of 17 students. Included in the photo are five students from Hong Kong Adventist College who also took the class. The class was held May 29–June 23, 2008.

News Flash!

In late August, Andrews University received the exciting news that its new Engineering program has been accredited by ABET (Accrediting Board for Engineering & Technology).

A full report will appear in the next issue of Focus or you can check out the program's website for further info:

www.andrews.edu/cot/ecs/

Business teachers meet at Andrews

In a world of constant change, the business arena is greatly impacted by mergers, takeovers, financial and ethical scandals, and volatile markets. The 6th Seventh-day Adventist Business Conference brought together Adventist teachers from around the world to discuss those issues and more from June 26–28, 2008, in Chan Shun Hall. Business thinkers had the opportunity to discuss issues surrounding business education as well as hear analysis by distinguished professionals in the field.

"Attendees at the conference had the opportunity to interact with fellow Seventh-day Adventist business teachers collaboratively in seeking to be proactive, to initiate more than respond, to the future challenges in business teaching," says Allen Stembridge, dean of the School of Business Administration. "The focus of this year's conference was 'Business Education: The Future' or how to teach real world skills business graduates need in order to be

successful in today's complex, dynamic marketplace."

Plenary speakers included, among others, Rick Lytle, dean and professor of marketing at Abilene Christian University; Carl Voigt, associate professor of clinical management and organization in the Marshall School of Business, University of Southern California; Chris Klivnex, cofounder and vice president of Select International, Inc.; Robert Roller, president of the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education and former president of the Christian Business Teachers Association.

On Thursday and Friday, the speakers gave morning, afternoon and evening presentations. Topics included "Thinking Outside the Box: Innovation in Global Business Education," "The Future of Graduate Business Education" and "Business Ethics and Responsibility to the Community."

In between the plenary presentations conference attendees dispersed to various breakout sessions where professors presented academic research papers. Professors came from Adventist universities across the United States, as well as Avondale College, Bowling Green State University, Bugema University, Canadian University College, Helderberg College, Newbold College, Northern Caribbean University, Southern Cross University and Valley View University.

Architecture graduate wins national design competition

Monique Reid, a May 2008 School of Architecture graduate, was the first place winner in the “House of Freedom” National Student Design Competition sponsored by AARP and the American Institute of Architecture Students. In developing their submissions, students participating in the competition researched and responded to the unique aspects of designing a home that is usable by all people, regardless of age or ability. Reid was awarded \$2,500 for her winning home design.

“I had so much fun designing this home!” Reid said. “For me, entering this competition was a learning experience as well as a challenge. I wanted to learn more about universal design and challenge myself to create a home that would be appealing to all regardless of their age, height and/or physical abilities so I could apply the principles in my future practice.”

AARP and the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) sponsored this new student design competition for the first time during the 2007–08 academic year. The Ethel Percy Andrus “House of Freedom” design competition challenged students to learn about universal design

while creating an attractive design for a single-family home that is safe, comfortable and accessible for people of all ages and abilities.

“As a Christian who has been entrusted to be a good steward of the earth’s resources, it is important that I design a home that is adaptable,” Reid said. “I have watched my aunts and grand-aunts struggle to get into their homes and their baths. It is necessary for me to design a home that they and others can comfortably use through their lifetime.”

Universal design is the design of products and environments that are usable by all people regardless of age or ability. It includes home design features and products that make a home safer and more comfortable for all residents, even when their needs and abilities change.

“I hope that more architecture schools teach the principles of universal design,” Reid said. “I find myself explaining what Universal Design is to many of my peers. Eventually I would like to see it become second nature to all architects, maybe even become a part of the building code.”

The competition is named after Freedom



Monique Reid

Home in Washington D.C., a home created under the supervision of Ethel Percy Andrus, founder of AARP.

The winning projects will be published in the fall 2008 issue of *Crit, Journal of the AIAS*.

School Psychology program receives NASP accreditation

The School of Education’s school psychology program has received the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Full Approval (National Recognition) for five years beginning January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013. In celebration of this achievement, the School of Education is offering a 50% reduction in tuition for students entering the EdS program for the 2008–09 school year.

The accreditation confirmation letter from the NASP stated, “On behalf of the Program Approval Board and the National Association of School Psychologists, I wish to congratulate you and your colleagues on your efforts to develop a strong program.” Andrews received initial two-year NASP accreditation approval status in 2003 following a lengthy written submission and

peer site visit. Since then the department has worked hard to achieve this current full five-year approval status.

Jim Jeffery, dean of the School of Education, commended the professors and support staff in the Department of Education & Counseling Psychology who “worked tirelessly on the report that was submitted to NASP.”

The Andrews University school psychology program is one of only four NASP fully-accredited programs in Michigan. There are nearly 40 students in this three-year EdS professional degree program.

The tuition reduction will cover the span of the EdS program or three years. Once accepted, the requirements to continue the 50% reduction are the following: full-time enrollment (9–12 credits per semester) in

the EdS school psychology program; a 3.2 GPA in the program; and maintaining the status of a student in good and regular standing.

According to the NASP, a graduate of a NASP-approved program is automatically eligible to become a Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) pending documentation of an internship consistent with NASP standards and attainment of a passing score on the national school psychology examination.

School psychologists help children and youth succeed academically, socially and emotionally. They collaborate with educators, parents and other professionals to create safe, healthy and supportive learning environments for all students that strengthen connections between home and school.

Inauguration of John & Millie Youngberg award at Family Celebration Sabbath

Family was the central theme of the aptly named Family Celebration Sabbath, held July 18-19, 2008, at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. The weekend's worships and workshops featured Mike and Gayle Tucker of the Faith for Today television ministry and culminated with an award ceremony and reception highlighting accomplishments of individuals who have dedicated their lives to family life ministry.

Family Celebration Sabbath began Friday evening with a resource reception sponsored by AdventSource followed by a worship experience with the Tuckers that focused on the value of spiritual habits and the need for spiritual disciplines. A spiritual discipline, said Mike Tucker, is "anything you devise to solve a spiritual problem." Sabbath offered more opportunities for family celebrants to experience the Tuckers' ministry. Gayle Tucker focused on prayer as a spiritual habit. "Every relationship requires communication," she said, including our relationship with Christ.

Nelson Silvia, an MDiv student, said this was the first time he has attended a Family Celebration Sabbath. "I was curious and wanted to check it out because I believe family is the foundation of ministry."

Sabbath concluded with a commendation ceremony. The Adventist Association of Family Life Professionals (AAFLP) inaugurated the John & Millie Youngberg Award, with both John and Millie Youngberg on hand to be honored and to congratulate the first recipient, Yerusi Fajardo.

The Youngbergs, prolific authors of family life education materials, are well-

known for directing the Family Life Workshop and Family Life International program at Andrews University from 1975-1998.

Karen and Ron Flowers, codirectors of the General Conference Family Ministries Department, said of the Youngbergs, "It is fitting that this award be named in your honor. You have given a life of dedicated service to prepare young people for service in the church."

Fajardo is a Master's of Religious Education student with an emphasis in Family Life Education. Her academic excellence and pursuit to enrich family life education in the Hispanic community made her a worthy recipient of the award. The award included monetary support for her education.

The featured weekend speakers, Mike & Gayle Tucker, were honored with the Ministries Distinguished Service Award. It is the highest honor bestowed by the North American Division on an individual or individuals who have made sustained and far-reaching contributions to stronger and healthier marriages and families across North America.

Recipients of the Campus Spiritual Leadership Certificate and the Family Life Education Certificate, along with the award recipients, were honored at a reception following the ceremony.

Over the past two years, Family



Gayle and Mike Tucker were the featured weekend speakers.



The award ceremony ended with a prayer of dedication.

Celebration Sabbath has attracted hundreds of people from across the North American Division and around the world, with the simple goal of taking time to enjoy God and each other. The event is sponsored by the Seminary's Religious Education Program, AdventSource, Adventist Association of Family Life Professionals, and the Family Ministries Departments of the GC and the NAD.

Equine Science offered as a new emphasis

After months of surveys, curriculum research and interviews, the Department of Agriculture will begin offering specialized courses starting fall semester 2008 in equine science, a new emphasis in the animal science degree program.

This new degree emphasis program will include courses in nutrition, physiology, behavior, genetics, reproduction, judging, health/disease, hippotherapy, massage, dentistry and more. Andrews

University will partner with the many stables and veterinary clinics around the area for the hands-on instruction aspect of students' studies.

Students who are interested in studying equine science may contact program coordinator Katherine Koudele at koudelej@andrews.edu or 269-471-6299.