

## Students recognized for community service

15 Andrews students receive Michigan Campus Compact awards

Fifteen Andrews University students received awards on April 13 from Michigan Campus Compact (MCC), at ceremonies held at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich.

Each year, MiCC awards students from member colleges and universities across the state for their outstanding commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Three types of awards are given: the Outstanding Community Impact Award, the Commitment to Service Award and the Heart and Soul Award. This year, more than 450 students from 33 member campuses received awards.

Thirteen Andrews students received the “Heart and Soul” award. Katelyn Ruiz and Charles Carlos Trimble received the Commitment to Service Award. This award recognizes up to two students per member campus for either their breadth or depth of community involvement or service experiences. Only 33 students statewide will receive this award.

Ruiz is an active graduate student who initiated a Writer’s Circle and English-as-a-Second-Language reading program, both for children at the Berrien Springs Community

Library. She also volunteers at a community church coordinating their food basket program and activities for children.

Trimble has volunteered for nearly four years with at-risk children in Benton Harbor, Mich., serving as a mentor and teacher. He also developed a studio activity for the purpose of discovering music and creative talent at Harbor for Hope, among other functions.

Award recipients were nominated by Andrews faculty and staff. The University’s participation in the event was coordinated by Larry Ulery, assistant professor of community service programming and director of service learning.

MCC represents a consortium of 40 Michigan public and private colleges and universities that encourages students to



Thirteen students received the “Heart and Soul” Award—Back row, left to right: Kimberly Clark, Janna DeWind, Katelyn Nieman, Stephanie Oliver, Olivia Knott and Front row, left: Atniel Quetz. Not pictured: Rodney Allen, Kathlyn Bearce, Tacyana Behrmann, Brittany Felder, Laury Fouche, Daniel Morea and Amy Moreno

Front row, left to right: Two Andrews students received special recognition with the “Commitment to Service” award. They were Katelyn Ruiz (front row, center) and Charles (Carlos) Trimble (not pictured). Larry Ulery, director of service learning, is seated front row, right

engage in focused service activities on campus and particularly in local communities.

## First degree in Documentary Film

Earned by Pieter Damsteegt



Pieter Damsteegt received his degree at the 2 p.m. Commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 5. Damsteegt graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography and Documentary Film. His senior thesis project, a documentary film entitled “Back of My Life,” chronicles his life as a college student while growing handicapped from degenerative rheumatism. To learn more about his film, visit <http://vimeo.com/user2692714>.

## Online MPH offered fall 2013

New program offered at a 50% tuition discount

The Department of Public Health & Wellness, formerly known as the Department of Nutrition & Wellness, has received approval from the Board of Trustees to offer a Master of Public Health in Nutrition and Wellness.

This new program is the first and only online MPH program in Nutrition and Wellness offered in the country. Offered at a 50% tuition discount, this new program will prepare health professionals for service in the church and community by building knowledge and skills necessary to enhance the health of human populations and promote a healthy lifestyle through personal and community efforts.

Emmanuel Rudatsikira, dean of the School of Health Professions, says employment opportunities are expected to grow by 37% from 2010 to 2020, faster than the average for all occupations (14%), according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

“This prediction translates into about 23,200 new jobs for public health professionals over the next 10 years,” says Rudatsikira. “According to the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), there are 62 accredited online public health programs in the United States. However, there are only two Master of Public Health programs in nutrition. Our program, with emphasis on vegetarian lifestyle and wellness, is unique and presently the only one of its kind.”

For more information visit [www.andrews.edu/publichealth](http://www.andrews.edu/publichealth).

## Ann Gibson retires after 21 years of service at Andrews

*A pioneer for women in the Adventist church, serving as the first female dean of the School of Business Administration*

Annetta Gibson retired from the School of Business Administration as professor of accounting, emerita, after 21 years of service to the University. She joined the faculty in 1992.

Born in New York, Gibson graduated from Walla Walla College, College Place, Wash., in 1968, with a BA in business. In 1970, she received an MBA from Andrews University. She earned a Doctor of Philosophy from Washington State University, Pullman, in accounting in 1992. The title of her dissertation is: "An Empirical Investigation into Ethical Decision Making in Accounting."

Before coming to Andrews, Gibson worked as an accountant for the Far Eastern Division of Seventh-day Adventists, Singapore; as assistant professor at Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Mass.; staff auditor for the General Conference Auditing Service and district director for South Lancaster, Mass.; and associate professor at Walla Walla College. Since coming to Andrews, Gibson has served as professor, chair of the Department of Accounting, Economics & Finance, and SBA dean.

She is a pioneer for women in the Adventist church—Gibson was the first female General Conference auditor and the first female dean of the School of Business Administration from 1995–2006.

Gibson is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the American Accounting Association, and the Michigan Society of Certified Public Accountants. She also serves as a board member for PPPA in Boise, Idaho. Gibson has authored and coauthored numerous articles in professional journals and has made dozens of presentations.

She served on the Pacific Press Board since 1992, the AFM board, the ADRA board, the Adventist Retirement Plan Board, the Center for Christian Leadership board on campus, and has been a guest editor for the *Journal of Applied Christian Leadership* in the School of Education. Gibson also serves on the ethics committee of the Behavioral Research Institute.

Gibson received a number of teaching awards throughout her career, including the Excellence in Teaching Award from Andrews University in 1995, the Academic Advisor Award in 1994, the Burlington Northern Award and Grant for Faculty Excellence from



Ann Gibson, right, greets guests at her retirement reception held on May 1, 2013, in the Chan Shun Hall lobby

Walla Walla College and has been named in *Outstanding Young Women of America*, and *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. In April 2002, she was named one of Andrews' 100 honored women and in

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October 2002 was honored as Woman of the Year for Professional Life by the Association of Adventist Women. Additionally, in April 2013 she was given the AUSA Teacher of the Year Award.

Her colleagues have also noted her dedication to her work and the warmth with which she interacts with others. Andrea Luxton, provost, recalls, "When I worked at Newbold College we would always be delighted if Ann was on the list of visitors from Andrews, because we knew she would act with knowledge and understanding of different educational backgrounds, and deal with the realities of travel with good humor! I have since then

discovered her also to be warm, visionary, an excellent communicator and an excellent diplomat in difficult situations."

President Niels-Erik Andreasen notes that she has "contributed to business education in the areas of accounting and finance, both to her students on campus, and to church treasurers and auditors literally around the world. Additionally she has served as dean of the SBA, University ombudsperson, and as a 'person around campus' for over twenty years. Clearly she has contributed much to the development of the University and we owe her a debt of gratitude for it."

Gibson plans to fill her retirement by developing a training program for treasurers for the General Conference to share with the worldwide church. This will involve a great deal of travel, beginning with a trip to Russia this summer. She will also continue teaching a Christian Business Ethics class in the School of Business Administration as well as finishing a book on business ethics "that Daniel Augsburger and I started a dozen years ago," she says. "And finally, in my spare time, I plan to catch up on my sleep and find space in my house to put all the books from my office."



## Two professors awarded the J.N. Andrews Medallion

Ranko Stefanovic and L. Monique Pittman

Two professors were awarded a J.N. Andrews Medallion at spring commencement services on Sunday, May 5. The J.N. Andrews Medallion is given in recognition of excellence in research, teaching and service. Since it was first awarded in 1979, 94 medals have been awarded.

Ranko Stefanovic is professor of New Testament at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. He earned a diploma in theology from the SDA Theological School in Belgrade, Yugoslavia in 1970. He went on to complete an administrative officer certificate in Zagreb, Croatia in 1988, and then a BA in theology and an MA in religion from the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in 1989 and 1990, respectively. He completed a PhD in religion from Andrews University in 1996.

Stefanovic began his career in 1970 pastoring in the Yugoslav Seventh-day Adventist Union Conferences in Serbia, Bosnia, and Croatia. From 1996 to 1999, Stefanovic taught in the department of religion at Canadian University College, before joining the Seminary faculty in 1999. He maintains a heavy schedule of preaching, guest lecturing, conference presentations, and scholarship, and has received numerous excellence in teaching awards. He is the author of two books, published by the Andrews University Press. Stefanovic's students describe him as an asset to the school and praise his spiritual influence in their lives.

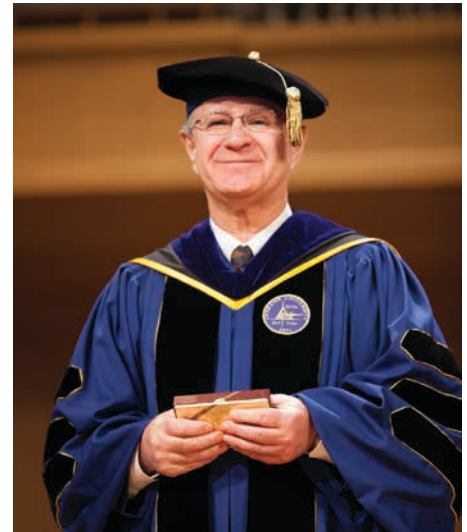
Beloved and esteemed by colleagues and students alike, Pittman, professor of English and director of the J.N. Andrews Honors Program, is well-known for her contributions to the field of literature and the enthusiasm

she devotes to the professional development of her students. She earned a BA in English from Andrews University in 1991, an MA in English from the College of William and Mary in 1993, and a PhD in 2000 from Purdue University. She taught for three years at Pacific Union College before joining the Andrews faculty in 1999.

Pittman has written extensively about Shakespeare and popular media, and has been published in top journals in the field including *Shakespeare Bulletin*, *Literature/Film Quarterly*, and *Early Modern Literary Studies*. She published a monograph in 2011 entitled *Authorizing Shakespeare on Film and Television: Gender, Class, and Ethnicity in Adaptation* (Peter Lang, 2011). Pittman regularly attends conferences, most recently presenting at the 2013 Shakespeare Association of America conference and the 2013 Oxford University Round Table on Women and Education that took place at Harris Manchester College, Oxford University, in England.

In addition to teaching and publishing, Pittman finds time to mentor student research, guiding the scholarship of numerous graduate and undergraduate students who have presented their research at Honors Symposia and at various professional conferences. Her students have pursued or are currently pursuing advanced degrees at such institutions as Emerson College, Berkeley Theological Union, Western Michigan University, Ball State University, the University of Maryland, Northwestern University, Salisbury University, University of Florida, University of Toronto, Columbia University, and her alma mater, Purdue University.

Upon being presented with the medallion, Pittman received a standing ovation from her



Top: Ranko Stefanovic  
Above: L. Monique Pittman

Honors students and alumni, many of whose research she has mentored and who have gone on to significantly influence the scholarly community. She is the youngest woman to receive the J.N. Andrews Medallion.

## Andrew von Maur receives award

2013 Michael Barranco Award from the New Urbanism Guild

Associate professor of architecture Andrew von Maur recently received the 2013 Michael Barranco Award, given by the New Urbanism Guild at the 2013 Conference for New Urbanism in Salt Lake City, Utah. Mark Moreno, associate professor of architecture, accepted the award on his behalf.

Von Maur, who has been the director of the Urban Design Studio in the School of

Architecture. Art & Design, is the third person to receive this award. The Barranco Award recognizes individuals who not only distinguish themselves in design but also “inspire passionate coalitions for transformative change in the lives of families and communities.” Under his direction, Urban Design Studio students have won three Charter Awards of Excellence from the Congress for the New

Urbanism, and have most recently produced the Campus Master Plan.

“Andrew’s work within the architecture school, with the New Urbanism, with the New Urban Guild is held in high regard by his colleagues, is inspirational and highly influential with our students,” says Moreno. “His ability to network and to further the goals of New Urbanism and his students is phenomenal.”