

## Faculty and staff honored for excellence and service

Andrews University's faculty, staff and Board of Trustees enjoyed their annual banquet on Sunday, March 4. The evening opened with a reception and student art exhibition in the lobby of the Howard Performing Arts Center, then continued with the entertainment/awards presentation in the concert hall. The program, "The Golden Cardinal Awards," was styled after the Oscars, with spoof categories like "Best in Shoes," "Best Golf Cart Driver," and "Best Milker" mixed-in with the more serious Excellence in Service, Excellence in Teaching, and Years of Service awards. Attendees closed off the evening with a dinner catered by Terrace Café.

Almost 90 faculty and staff members were honored for anywhere from five to thirty-five years of service at Andrews. Three were honored for 30 years of service: Gary Marsh, professor of aviation technology; Daniel Bidwell, senior systems administrator; and Tom Baker, teacher of English and German at Andrews Academy. The two 35-year honorees were: Barbara Friesen, assistant to administration, and Patricia Mutch, professor of nutrition.

Three staff members were honored for Excellence in Service. Recipients of this award are hourly or salaried full- or part-time staff who have served for at least three consecutive years, and have

not previously received the award. The award is given "in recognition of outstanding service to the university, the church, and the community, and for demonstrating, by precept and example, a Christ-centered life." This year's awardees included: Ildiko Gyeresi, asst. to financial records director; Sandra White, interlibrary loans associate for the James White Library; and Barbara Friesen, assistant to administration.

The Daniel A. Augsburg Excellence in Teaching award was given to seven faculty members. Faculty from each school nominate and choose their individual candidates. The recipients were: Jacques Doukhan, professor of Hebrew & Old Testament exegesis; Stan Beikmann, assistant professor of agriculture; Arlene Saliba, assistant professor of nursing; Janice Wrenn, associate professor of social work; Shirley Freed, professor of teacher education; Leonard Gashugi, associate professor of economics and finance; and Rhonda Root, professor of art.

Glenn Russell, assistant professor of religion, received this year's Spiritual Life Award, which is awarded to any employee, faculty or staff member, who has made a significant contribution to the spiritual life of campus.



Daniel A. Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Recipients, L to R: Rhonda Root, Stan Beikmann and Arlene Saliba. (not pictured: Jacques Doukhan, Janice Wrenn, Shirley Freed and Leonard Gashugi)



35 Years of Service, l-r: Barb Friesen, Patricia Mutch



30 Years of Service, l-r: Daniel Bidwell, Tom Baker, and Gary Marsh



25 Years of Service, l-r: Tari Popp, Rebecca Lofthouse and Jeane Robinson (not pictured: Ben Chilson, Daniel Cress, Ruth Gardner, Merrie Jones Gray, Robert Schwab and Barry Wilson)



20 Years of Service, l-r: (back row) John Baldwin, Alan Mitchell, Steve Hansen, Dewey Murdick, and Winston Craig; (front row): Linda Mack, Kathleen Demsky, Elynda Bedney, and Allen Wellborn (not pictured: Mari Aker, Sallie Alger, Merle Bascom, JoAnn Davidson, Hilda Hasel, Julia Lindsay, John Reichert and Dennis Willis)



Excellence in Service, l-r: Ildiko Gyeresi and Barbara Friesen (not pictured: Sandra White)

## Faculty and staff honored (continued)



Spirit of Life Award:  
Glenn Russell



Ella Simmons, Board member, and Gerry Karst, chair of the Board of Trustees, enjoy the banquet following the awards program.



Stephen Payne, master of ceremonies, and Silmara Ferreira, awards assistant, display the Golden Cardinal.

## Schalk named VP for Financial Administration

The Andrews University Board of Trustees has appointed Lawrence Schalk the new vice president for financial administration. Schalk is replacing Edward Wines, effective March 27.

Schalk is not new to the role of serving as a chief financial officer, coming to Andrews with years of experience at several institutions, including Adventist Health Resources, Hinsdale, Ill.; Harding Hospital, Worthington, Ohio; and most recently, Florida Hospital Fish Memorial, part of the Adventist Health System.

Schalk holds both a BS in accounting and an MBA from Andrews University and is a Certified Public Accountant. He serves as treasurer for Florida Memorial

Health Network in Orange City, Fl., and is a fellow of the Healthcare Financial Management Association. He has also published two articles in *Healthcare Financial Management*.

Why work at Andrews? “I am a double graduate, have children and family who attended, have been an adjunct professor and a former Board member, a member of the President’s Council and PACID, and have a deep interest and commitment to [Andrews University],” Schalk responded, listing his many connections to the school.

As for goals, Schalk hopes to “become acquainted and friends with all constituents and meet the goals of the Board [of Trustees] and staff.”



Larry Schalk

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