

## Staff and faculty receive recognition for service

Andrews University's faculty and staff were joined by the Board of Trustees for their annual faculty and staff service awards presentation followed by a reception in the Howard Performing Arts Center on Monday, March 3. Stephen Payne, vice president for enrollment management, was the evening's emcee. Each award was presented following a short slideshow presentation highlighting the qualifying attributes of each recipient.

Six faculty members were honored with the Daniel A. Augsburger Excellence in Teaching Award. This award recognizes faculty whose teaching reflects the high standards of excellence modeled by Dr. Augsburger in his 60 years of teaching at Andrews University. Augsburger's leadership, academic rigor, breadth of knowledge, teacher-scholar role, along with care and concern for students, exemplify the best of faculty endeavors. This year's recipients were: Richard Davidson, professor of Old Testament interpretation and chair of the Old Testament department; Stephen Thorman, professor of computer science and physics; Gary Gifford, associate professor of leadership and educational administration; Armand Poblete, instructor of information systems; Margarita Mattingly, professor and chair of the department of physics; and Carlos Flores, professor of music and chair of the department of music.

The Spiritual Life Award was presented to Jane Sabes, professor of political science. She was described by her nominators as an ever-strong spiritual influence on students and colleagues alike. The Spiritual Life Award is bestowed upon any employee, faculty or staff member who has made a significant contribution to the spiritual life of the campus.

Three staff members were recognized with the Staff Excellence in Service 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 recipients were: Lori Guerrero, dispatch supervisor for the department of public safety; Jillian Panigot, an administrative assistant in the department of physical therapy; and Shelly Erhard, guest relations coordinator for enrollment management.

Erhard, who was affectionately referred to as Director of First Impressions in her tribute, says her word creed is, "To be the first friendly face that makes someone feel welcome when they come to Andrews University."

Greg Offenback was given special recognition for his 30 years of continuous service with Andrews University. Offenback says nearly his entire career has been working for the University. "I spent the first 14½ years in the farm and dairy, and the last 15+ years in transportation. I plan on retiring from there some day," he says.

The awards portion of the evening concluded with recognition of employees with 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service with the University.

**15 Years:** Tami Condon, Kathleen Ekkens, Cheryl Kean, Mencia Shelley, Bruce Bauer, Millie Das, Najeeb Nakhle, Dennis Grzybowski, Maxwell Jardine, Ray Ostrander, Renee Skeete

**20 Years:** Gerard Damsteegt, Bernard Helms, Dorothy Show, Richard Show, Herbert Helm, Mildred McGrath

**25 Years:** Michael Harrington, Susan Murray

The evening also included various musical selections performed by Justin Jeffery, Juan Carlos-Rodriguez, Chenoa Jimenez, and the University Singers conducted by Stephen Zork.



Recipients of the 2008 Daniel A. Augsburger Excellence in Teaching Award, L-R: Stephen Thorman, Gary Gifford, Carlos Flores, Richard Davidson and Margarita Mattingly. Not pictured: Armand Poblete.



Recipients of the 2008 Staff Excellence in Service Award, L-R: Jillian Panigot, Shelly Erhard and Lori Guerrero



Jane Sabes, recipient of the 2008 Spiritual Life Award



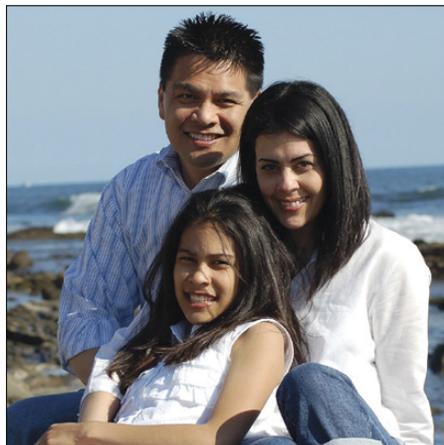
Greg Offenback received an award for 30 years of service

## Martin receives certification as Family Life Educator

A. Allan Martin, associate professor of discipleship and family ministry at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, has received the National Council on Family Relations' Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) designation.

Martin oversees the approved graduate family-life education program at Andrews University and serves on the board for the Adventist Association of Family Life Professionals. Recently, he was appointed to join the Family Life Values Research Initiative originating out of Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center. Martin and his wife, Deirdre, are presenters for *From This Day Forward*, a touring national marriage conference sponsored by North American Division Family Ministries.

The CFLE designation recognizes professionals in the family field as qualified family-life educators. The credential denotes a proven background and knowledge in ten family-life content areas including: families and society, internal family dynamics,



The Martin Family

human growth and development, human sexuality, interpersonal relationships, family resource management, parent education, family law and public policy, ethics, and family-life education methodology. Over 1300 family-life educators have been certified since 1985.

## Hodges new safety director

Dale Hodges of Baton Rouge, La., began as the new director of Public Safety on Monday, March 10.

Hodges has been a member of the Baton Rouge Police Department for 15 years, serving most recently as a detective lieutenant. He also served as a supervisor with the East Baton Rouge Parish Public School System's School Resource Officers Program, which assists with on-site security at the schools. Previous experience also includes four years as a member of the U.S. Army's Military Police Corps.

"I am fully committed to building collaborative relationships between the Department of Public Safety and the faculty, staff, student body and the surrounding community for the betterment of Andrews University," Hodges notes. "Together we can identify areas of concern and implement practices to address these issues. My family and I feel very blessed to have been given this opportunity."

## Greg Constantine recognized by Alumni Awards Foundation

Greg Constantine (*pictured below*), research professor of art and artist-in-residence, emeritus, was the recent recipient of a 2008 Outstanding Alumni Award from the



Photo courtesy of Alumni Awards Foundation

Alumni Awards Foundation. On March 7–8, leaders and educators from across North America gathered at the Westin Kierland Resort and Spa in Scottsdale, Ariz., to recognize schools, alumni and teachers who have made a lasting impact on Adventist education.

Along with the award, Constantine was given a \$5000 grant, which he designated to benefit Andrews University.

Constantine began teaching at Andrews in 1963, and chaired the art department 21 of the 43 years of his tenure. In 1971, he initiated European summer sessions for art and architecture students, which he directed for 15 years. Greg was awarded the J.N. Andrews Medallion in 1984 for significant research and publishing. In 1985 he was awarded the Michigan Creative Artist Grant.

Since 1975, Greg has staged numerous one-person shows in top-rated galleries in Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Miami,

Frankfurt, Bucharest and New York. Over the last 10 years, he has been invited to participate in the U.S. Department of State's Art in Embassies Program, which has exhibited his work in ambassador's residences in six European capital cities.

But more than his paintings, Greg's most critically noteworthy studio accomplishments have been the creation of his Artist Licenses in 1981, and the publication of his three books of drawings in 1983, 1985, and 1986 about famous Old Master Artists visiting American cities.

Over the last 13 years, AAF has given over \$1 million to Adventist education. The nonprofit organization seeks to promote quality education by rewarding schools, leaders and educators who have made a considerable impact on the forefront of Adventist education.

## Ron Johnson retires from engineering department after 32 years

Ron Johnson joined the Andrews faculty in 1975 as an associate professor of engineering technology. Over the course of his career, he witnessed dramatic changes in the field of engineering. “Digital electronics and microprocessors were in their infancy when I began teaching in 1975,” Johnson remembers. “Also, electronic circuits, for the most part, consisted of discrete components or simple single-function integrated circuits.”

“Today, the use of imbedded microprocessors in almost every electronic device and the high degree of integration where whole systems are integrated on a single chip contrast sharply with what we saw 30-some years ago. Keeping current in the classes is perhaps the most significant challenge I faced as a teacher in the engineering field.”

“I enjoyed being able to teach students about electrical engineering ideas that were interesting and challenging for me as well as for them,” says Johnson. “I enjoyed very much watching the students develop into engineering practitioners during their four years here, and then I always got special pleasure from hearing about their accomplishments on the job. I found teaching to be a very enjoyable and rewarding career.”

Johnson’s influence in the classroom extended to his interaction with colleagues,

several of whom were his former students. “The biggest thing I’ve learned from Ron is his amazing commitment to the students as individuals,” says fellow engineering professor Donald De Groot. “The fact that Ron takes time with all his students individually, and that he took time with me when I was a student, is something that I will take with me as a teacher.”

“Ron has left us a legacy that has established a strong foundation to build on,” says Bill Wolfer, another former student of Johnson’s and current chair of the engineering department. “This program and this University have been blessed to have Ron Johnson as a leader for Adventist education. And one of the biggest things we will miss the most about Ron is his wonderful sense of humor and his big friendly smile.”

Since January of this year, Johnson has been enjoying new challenges as the director of Physics Enterprises, an Andrews campus entity that manufactures a variety of science lab and classroom demonstration equipment.



Ron Johnson greets well-wishers at his retirement party held Dec. 6, 2007, in the lobby of the Howard Performing Arts Center.

“Our mission is to carry on the traditions established by Bruce Lee, the founder of Physics Enterprises, and to continue to innovate and expand the product line to serve the science education community,” says Johnson. “Also, in the process of fulfilling this mission we expect to continue to provide jobs for students and income to the University for special projects.” In addition to his work with Physics Enterprises, Johnson is looking forward to some time and opportunities to travel and more time for family and his hobby of model railroading.

## Alger honored for her civic engagement

Sallie Alger, head of bibliographic services, periodicals and the sales department of the James White Library, was honored with an MCC Faculty/Staff Community Service-Learning Award at the 12th annual Institute: Service-Learning and Civic Engagement, on Thursday, Feb. 7. This prestigious annual award is the highest that Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) bestows on faculty and staff in the State of Michigan.

Alger was designated by peers as the faculty/staff person on campus who has made the most outstanding contributions in service-learning and community service. This award recognizes her influence on and the engagement of students to be involved in community service or service-learning

through modeling, influencing or instruction. She was nominated by Larry Ulery, assistant professor of service-learning programming.

Her activities range from attending to the aesthetics of the campus, serving on the university-sponsored academy board, and helping to ensure that the community and university libraries function at optimum levels. She is



Sallie Alger

an active member and officer of the Optimist Club International and a member of a community task force related to tutoring in elementary and middle public schools.

Michigan Campus Compact is a coalition of college and university presidents who are committed to fulfilling the public purpose of higher education. They promote the education and commitment of Michigan college students to be civically engaged citizens, through creating and expanding academic, cocurricular and campus-wide opportunities for community service, service-learning and civic engagement.

## Media relations specialist appointed

Keri Suarez was recently appointed as Andrews University's new media relations specialist in the Office of University Relations. Her primary responsibilities are to develop and communicate information designed to keep the public informed of the university's mission, programs, accomplishments and activities, through local, national and church media. Suarez replaced Beverly Stout, who relocated last summer to Central Illinois.

Suarez is an Andrews alum, having received her BA in communication with minors in public relations and journalism in 2001. She comes to the Office of University Relations with an experienced background in news and journalism. She spent five years at Newscenter 16, NBC's WNDU in South Bend, Ind.—two years as

a production assistant and three as chief web producer. Her work with the WNDU website won her several awards, including the Associated Press Regional Award for "Best Web Site" in 2003.

Since November 2005, she has been a publicist for Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, Ind., promoting their books and authors through special events, media releases, and printed promotional materials.

According to Suarez, "Typically, a career change invokes trepidation along with the excitement of change. But for me, joining



Keri Suarez

the staff at Andrews University feels like a homecoming. It is a privilege to join the Andrews staff and be part of communicating the university's bright future."

"Keri brings an excellent skill set that matches the requirements of this media relations position and we are pleased she is joining the staff," comments Rebecca May, director of University Relations. "We look forward to the relationships she will

build that will bring improvements to our external and internal communication."

## Ann Gibson receives Bashir Hasso Endowed Chair

At a special luncheon on Monday, Feb. 5, Allen Stembridge, dean of the School of Business Administration (SBA) at Andrews University, announced that Annetta Gibson, professor of accounting and former SBA dean, will receive the Bashir Hasso Endowed Chair of Teaching Excellence in Business Ethics.

The endowed chair was established by Bashir Hasso, whose philanthropy has helped establish Seventh-day Adventist churches, schools, and hospitals in the Middle East, as well as education endeavors in the United States. The Bashir Hasso Endowed Chair is one of seven endowed chairs at Andrews University and one of three endowed chairs in the School of Business Administration.

An endowed professorial chair assists the designated department by supporting the recipient's salary, research opportunities,



President Niels-Erik Andreasen, Provost Heather Knight, Ann Gibson and Dean Allen Stembridge

administrative services, and other special projects as set in the endowment agreement. This funding comes from the annual income generated by the principal gift. It is an honor to hold the named chair.

"The School of Business Administration is profoundly grateful for such generosity," stated Stembridge. "This endowed chair enables us to attract and maintain the highly qualified faculty essential for future growth."

Gibson has been a member of the SBA faculty since 1992, when she returned to her alma mater to teach in the Department of Accounting and Ethics. Gibson had received her MBA from Andrews before going on for her Ph.D. at Washington State University. She has since served the SBA in many capacities: as a professor, department chair, SBA dean, director of SBA Off-Campus Programs, and director of its internship program. Gibson began her work in business ethics with Daniel Augsburg, who was a beloved professor at Andrews University for over 60 years. She team-taught a Christian business ethics class with Augsburg and has continued to teach that class since his death. Gibson is also completing a textbook on business ethics that she and Augsburg had initially begun together.

"I will work hard to keep the Hasso name in high regard through the business ethics we teach our students," commented Gibson. "The Hasso family has been generous with Andrews University, and we are grateful for their support."