

Tom Goodwin, Dawn and Paul Dulhunty honored

Receiving the J.N. Andrews Medallion during spring Commencement services

President Niels-Erik Andreasen and Provost Andrea Luxton presented Thomas Goodwin, and Dawn and Paul Dulhunty with the J.N. Andrews Medallion at the spring 2011 Commencement. This award recognizes significant achievement in the advancement of knowledge and education by Seventh-day Adventist teachers, scholars and writers.

Goodwin, professor of paleobiology, has been a member of the Andrews University Department of Biology faculty since 1994. He has been published in numerous professional publications and received multiple grants to conduct further research in his field. Despite a busy teaching schedule, Goodwin is also dedicated to professional and community service. He serves as the graduate program coordinator for the Department of Biology; is the Andrews University Senate representative; serves as chair of the Senate Faculty Standing Committee; and sponsors the University's student environmental club, the Village Green Preservation Society. In addition to the awards he has won

and the recognition he has received for his involvement in his field, Goodwin has also received the Adviser of the Year Award from Andrews University and most recently, in 2009, the Daniel A. Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Award.

For the past 11 years, Dawn and Paul Dulhunty have lived out of suitcases for the majority of the year traveling to the various locations where Andrews offers its off-campus International Development Program (IDP). Under their leadership, the four-year graduate program has grown from three to seven sites, currently offered in annual intensives in Chile, Japan, Canada, Italy, Ghana, Kenya and South Africa. The program offers an Andrews education to front-line humanitarian workers in more than 80 countries around the world. In addition, they have dedicated more than 35 years of their life to improving the health, education and wellbeing of people in poor and developing countries.



Top: Tom Goodwin receives congratulations from President Andreasen and Provost Luxton

Above: Dawn and Paul Dulhunty are congratulated by President Andreasen

New director named for MDiv program

(Luis) Fernando Ortiz will lead the program

Fernando Ortiz is the new director of the Master of Divinity (MDiv) program at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. He is replacing J. Michael Harris.

Ortiz himself is a graduate of the MDiv program. Following completion of his BTh from Central American Adventist University in 1989, Ortiz studied at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Sao Paulo, Brazil, before coming to Andrews University. In 1995, he completed his MDiv at Andrews and in 1997, his Doctor of Ministry.

During his 21 years of ministry, Ortiz has worked in a variety of pastoral roles in Honduras and Brazil in addition to the many years spent in Berrien Springs, Mich. From 1995–2000, he served first as the youth pastor and then as senior pastor at the Berrien Springs Spanish Church. In 2000, he relocated to serve as youth pastor and later interim

senior pastor at the Battle Creek Tabernacle in Battle Creek, Mich. Since 2004, Ortiz has served as a district pastor for Bloomington and Bedford, Ind.

Ortiz has a wealth of experience in creating and growing new initiatives in a ministry setting. His work as a youth and young adult pastor led to the creation of several new programs. Most recently, Ortiz developed a church-led campus ministries program at Indiana University and established a senior youth ministry.

He says, "My goal is to equip, encourage and empower our students to pursue their



Fernando Ortiz

academic and ministerial goals while experiencing a deeper relationship with Jesus. We have almost 400 students in the MDiv program representing virtually every division of the world Church. What a solemn opportunity and responsibility to impact the world for Christ as we train pastors and missionaries to finish His work."

Fernando is married to Daniela, a foreign language teacher. They have one son, Daniel Fernando. They enjoy organizing mission trips to different parts of the world, combining their love for travel, languages, preaching and serving God.

Long-time faculty retire from Andrews Academy

Cleon White and Dean Boward spent a combined total of 52 years at AA

H. Dean Boward's influence on the lives of students in his music classes often leads to a lifelong love of music. Although teaching music to academy-age students has been his passion for 40 years, "music was at the bottom of my list when I graduated from high school," he says. Originally intending to teach elementary school or science, a professor pointed him in the direction of music education. After receiving his Bachelor of Science in music education from Columbia Union College in 1971, he went on to do post-graduate work at the University of Miami and then receive a Master of Music Education from Andrews University in 1978.

Boward began teaching at Pine Tree Academy in Maine, where he developed a band and choir program. He then taught at Hinsdale Academy and Broadview Academy in the Chicagoland area before coming to Andrews Academy in 1991. At Andrews, he developed the academy's band program and taught orchestra and bell choir while simultaneously teaching band and orchestra at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School. Several years ago, Boward also took over the direction of all four choirs at Andrews Academy: Chorale, Silhouettes, Men's Chorus, and Women's Chorus.

While at Andrews Academy, Boward conducted the Concert Band at the 1990 General Conference Session and on the steps of the United States Capitol in 1998, both of which he cites as highlights of his career. Another career highlight came in 1989, when he was one of the first to receive a prestigious Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award.

In 2000, Boward and William Ashley of Toledo Junior Academy collaborated to create an annual conference of bell choirs that would come to be known as RingFest. Every year since then, Andrews Academy has attended this conference, one of only a handful nationwide.

Boward sees his music classes as an opportunity to positively influence academy

students: "They are at the age where they can be directed several ways. It's a challenge directing teenagers to music that will someday lead them to Christ. You can't just condemn the music they listen to; you have to incorporate better choices and show them that it can be fun."

He hopes to spend his retirement volunteering. For years, he was an organist and choir director at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Stevensville, Mich., but plans to continue at other churches.



Dorothy & Dean Boward (left) and Cleon & Sandra White (right) were honored at a joint retirement reception held at Andrews Academy on Tuesday, May 31

Cleon White began his career at Andrews Academy in 1976 teaching mathematics over the summer. When he arrived in Bell Hall, he was greeted by a graduating senior who asked, "Are you the new mathematics teacher?" He replied that he was and asked how the student knew. "I can tell by the lines in your forehead," said the witty student. After 32 years of service, Cleon White is retiring as principal of Andrews Academy, a position he held for four years.

White received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Walla Walla College in 1963, and earned a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Northern Colorado in 1969. He began his teaching

career as a math and science instructor at Champion Academy in 1965, and then came to Andrews Academy in 1976. During the years 1981-1984, he served as a math and science instructor at Hermiston Junior Academy in Oregon before returning to Andrews Academy.

White has served as an instructor and an administrator, sometimes as both at the same time. After three years as a math and science teacher at Andrews Academy, he accepted a position as vice principal, in which he served for another three years. While at Hermiston

Junior Academy, he taught math and science in addition to service as principal. Following his return to Andrews Academy, White returned to full-time teaching. Among the students, he was known for holding weekly help sessions in the evenings at his own home. In 2002, he was elected vice-principal of Andrews Academy, and became principal in 2007. One of the highlights of his career is "being able to work for Dr. Richard T. Orrison, probably the apex of my career." White recalls Orrison's extraordinary vision for education and his ability to implement that vision to the benefit of hundreds of students.

Due to a flood of nominations from students and alumni who still appreciate his influence on

their lives, White was awarded the Channel 16 Excellence in Teaching Award, much to his surprise. Additionally, Andrews Academy announced the creation of a new award: the Cleon White Servant Leadership Award. The award will be given yearly to a senior who shows qualities of humility and dedication to their community, as White has done for so many years.

Retirement won't stop him, either: in addition to doing work around the home, he plans to find part-time work as a substitute or contract teacher at area schools. "My students and those with whom I've associated in the community have blessed me more than I have blessed them, I think," says White.

Cleon White recognized for excellence by Channel 16

White nominated by past and present Andrews Academy students

May 16, 2011, was Awards Day at Andrews Academy, and the television cameras hovering in the back of the auditorium caused a bit of a stir, but no one seemed to know why they were there. As White finished presenting the awards, Sari Butler, guidance counselor, stepped on stage with a WNDU microphone and announced that there was one more award left to give.

When Sloma walked in carrying a large bouquet of balloons and announced to the school Mr. White had won the award, the auditorium erupted into cheers. Sloma then related that she was impressed by the volume of emails she'd received nominating White.

White was "a little teary eyed," said science teacher Steven Atkins, after receiving the

award. He stepped up to the podium and thanked the students for their nominations. Then, he thanked God for the strength to do what he does, "as he naturally does in so many other situations," said Atkins.

The festivities didn't end there, however; Mr. White was due to appear on WNDU two days later. The story aired on 16 Morning News and students throughout the area woke up early to watch it.

Sloma presented White with an oversized check for \$1,000 for the school's use. Surprised yet characteristically humble, he expressed his gratitude and once again thanked the students, parents and God.



NewsCenter 16's Tricia Sloma surprised Cleon White with a 16 Excellence in Education Award on May 16 (Photo contributed by Steven Atkins)

Atkins wins Alumni Award for Excellence in Education

One of ten honored teachers from the North American Division

For 30 years, Steven Atkins has taught in the Adventist educational system. His passion for science combined with encouragement of scholastic achievement has prepared hundreds of students for college. During the Andrews Academy Commencement service on May 29, Atkins was given the Alumni Award for Excellence in Education in recognition of his service.

"On a scale of one to ten where ten is the highest," said Cleon White, "I'd give him an 11."

The Alumni Awards Foundation has promoted excellence in Adventist education since 1996. Every year, they acknowledge ten teachers from the North American Division who show an exemplary commitment to outstanding education.

Atkins' commitment is extraordinary. In addition to teaching earth science and biology, he is also licensed to teach chemistry and algebra. During his time at Andrews Academy, he instituted the senior portfolio as a requirement for graduation. College preparedness begins early in Atkins' classes: as a part of his earth science class, freshmen

begin assembling their portfolios. In this subtle way, Atkins encourages each student to begin thinking about college, encouraging higher education. He also shares his lab notes with teachers across the country and students throughout the years recall that he draws spiritual applications from the day's lesson. On top of all that, he sends out regular "AA Updates" to current students, alumni and parents.

Cleon White, who was the current principal of Andrews Academy, nominated Atkins for the award in early February. The Alumni Awards Foundation receives hundreds of nominations each year, which are then separated into tiers. Melissa Cechota, communications coordinator, noted Atkins' nomination and statement of purpose stood out to her. "He represents what makes Adventist education successful." Atkins' emphasis on college preparedness also stood out: "He elevates the sciences in [Andrews] Academy to serious



Brent Geraty (left), chair of the Andrews Academy Board, presented Steven Atkins with the Alumni Award for Excellence in Education

levels of academic achievement."

"On a scale of one to ten where ten is the highest," said Cleon White, "I'd give him an 11." On behalf of the Alumni Awards Foundation, Andrews Academy Board Chair Brent Geraty presented Atkins with a medallion and \$2,000 for his own use.

Upon presentation, he received a standing ovation. "It's a joy to work at the Academy, and to be able to tell people about God as my job is the greatest thing," says Atkins.

Reinvented music education at AA and RMES

Hector Flores of Blue Mountain and Byron Graves of Great Lakes will lead new integrated program

Andrews Academy, a college preparatory day school for grades 9–12, and Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, a K–8 school, both owned by and operated on the campus of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., are collaborating in a reinvented music education program. Following a nationwide search, Hector Flores of Blue Mountain Adventist Academy and Byron Graves of Great Lakes Adventist Academy have been selected to lead this new integrated program between the University-owned elementary and secondary schools. Flores will lead the choirs and orchestras while Graves will lead the bands and bell choirs.

“I am pleased that we have been able to attract two of the best and brightest music educators in the nation to come to Berrien Springs,” says Brent Geraty, Andrews Academy Board chair. “Both Andrews Academy and Ruth Murdoch Elementary School have invested more resources in the music programs than in recent years and are committed to providing a high-quality music education for students. Our students, our schools and our community are going to benefit from Mr. Flores and Mr. Graves’s musicianship.”

This will be a homecoming for Hector Flores, who brings 32 years of teaching and conducting experience to this new role. Flores holds a Bachelor of Music and Master of Music, both from Andrews University. He has taught at Montemorelos University in Mexico, Antillean Adventist University in Puerto Rico and, most recently, Blue Mountain Academy in Pennsylvania. He has conducted a number

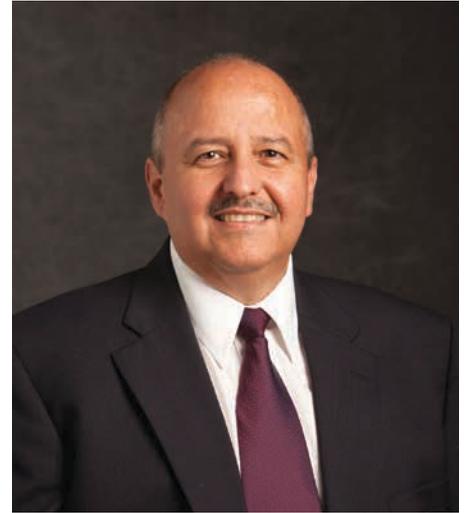
of orchestras, including the San German Symphony Orchestra and the Mayaguez Symphony Orchestra, both in Puerto Rico, to name a few. In addition, Flores has either led or participated in a dozen tours or music festivals, both domestic and international.

Byron Graves will be returning to schools, both Andrews Academy and Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, where he already has

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previous teaching experience. Most recently, Graves has worked as the band director for Cedar Lake Elementary School in Cedar Lake, Mich. while concurrently working as chair of the Music Department and a director/instructor for Great Lakes Adventist Academy, also located in Cedar Lake, Mich. His professional background includes expertise in teaching music theory, history and appreciation courses, as well as years of experience providing private music lessons. He is an accomplished clarinet player.

“Music education in elementary school develops students’ minds and abilities, and puts students on a path towards success in high school and college,” says David Waller, principal of Ruth Murdoch Elementary School. “This new collaboration with Andrews Academy and Andrews University makes use of the combined resources of both institutions to give added strength to



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our program at RMES. I am looking forward to a great year next year as we continually look to improve our students’ education and experience.”



Buckley earns doctorate

From Syracuse University’s School of Education

On May 24, 2011, Paul Buckley, associate dean for Student Life, participated in commencement ceremonies for Syracuse University’s School of Education where he earned his Doctor of Philosophy in cultural foundations of education. Frances Faehner, vice-president for Student Life, attended in support of her colleague.

Two key roles filled at Griggs University

La Ronda Curtis Forsey and Janine Lim will both be associate deans

La Ronda Curtis Forsey has been appointed associate dean for Griggs University and principal of Griggs International Academy, and Janine Lim, associate dean for higher education for Griggs University.

“As we build Griggs University on the campus of Andrews University, we have looked for three characteristics in all candidates—first, a dedication to God and a commitment to Adventist education; second, the skills and experience necessary to build excellent distance education programs on a number of platforms; and third, the vision to see how distance education can serve the world Church by using technology to promote collaboration,” says Alayne Thorpe, interim president of Griggs.

La Ronda Forsey brings 26 years of teaching and educational administration to her role at Griggs. She previously served as the principal at Atlanta Adventist Academy (AAA) in Atlanta, Ga.

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“The thing that intrigues me about joining Andrews University is the opportunity to be innovative in a global setting—using my background experiences to reach out to a wide range of students,” says Forsey.

Forsey has worked as a teacher at the alternative Horizon Preparatory School in Chattanooga, Tenn., Southern Adventist University in Ooltewah, Tenn.; and Forest Lake Academy in Apopka, Fla. Her years of experience in administration began in 1996 with a six-year stint as vice principal, as well as English and ESL teacher, at Maxwell Adventist Academy in Nairobi, Kenya. In 2002, she moved back to the U.S. where she served for three years as vice-principal of marketing and recruiting for Champion Academy in Loveland, Colo., before spending six years at Atlanta

Adventist Academy. During her time at AAA, enrollment doubled and it became an innovative multi campus school. Three metro Atlanta sites and five partner schools now use interactive simultaneous videoconferencing technology.

Forsey holds a BA in English from Southern Adventist University and MS in educational administration from Scranton University.

Janine Lim says, “I look forward to serving Adventist education worldwide through the use of a variety of innovative technologies. I hope to bring enthusiasm for Adventist education and a passion for using technology to bring learning opportunities to students wherever they may be.”

Lim has served as instructional technology consultant for the Berrien Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) since 1998. She coordinates distance learning for 20 school districts, teaches online graduate-level technology classes, and helps train teachers for technology integration. Lim began her career as a language arts and Bible teacher at Griswold Christian Academy in Ohio.

In 1997, she was appointed as an instructional technologist for the Berrien County Intermediate School District (now Berrien RESA). She has also served as adjunct faculty in distance education courses for the Berrien RESA; the Adventist Virtual Learning Network serving La Sierra University and Andrews University; and classes offered through Central Michigan University and Western Michigan University. Lim received an Educator of the Year award in 2010 from the Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning, an Outstanding Leadership Award in 2008 from the United States Distance Learning Association, and a number of other professional awards.

Lim is a triple alumnus of Andrews University, earning a BA in communication in 1995, MAT in 1996, and PhD in leadership in 2010.

Right: La Ronda Curtis Forsey

Far right: Janine Lim

