

## David Steen and Gary Land honored at spring commencement

*Both receive the J.N. Andrews Medallion for their service to Andrews University*

The overcast skies didn't dampen the excitement of graduates, eager to hold their diploma, on graduation Sunday, May 2. Altogether, 588 students—undergraduate and graduate, both affiliate and main campus—marked the formal completion of their degree from Andrews University.

David Ferguson, director of the Undergraduate Leadership Program, offered the Consecration address on Friday, April 30. His presentation, "Upside Down," reminded departing grads one more time of the mission of Andrews University, which is marked on the globe near the entrance to campus. "I don't know if it's a coincidence, but the last thing you'll see when you exit this campus on Sunday or Monday are the words 'Change the World'..." said Ferguson.

On Saturday, May 1, José V. Rojas, director for the Office of Volunteer Ministries for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, presented, "You are the Light of the World" as the Baccalaureate address for both the graduate and undergraduate services at Pioneer Memorial Church. Without any notes, and using his Bible app on his iPhone, Rojas' message was a highlight of the weekend culminating in a standing ovation during the undergraduate baccalaureate.

Several departmental dedication services were held in various locations Friday and Saturday. On Saturday evening, May 1, a

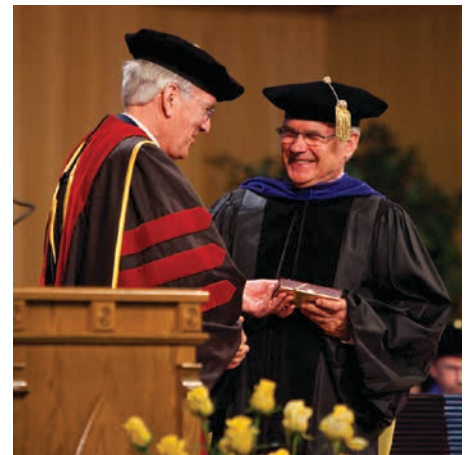
Sabbath Vespers tribute to parents, faculty and students was held at Pioneer Memorial Church. During the vespers, the Class of 2010 presented their class gift: the Campus Center Outdoor Entry & Patio Lighting Project. Four lampposts stand outside of the Campus Center as pillars of knowledge, faith, Christ-centered change and light.

On Sunday, May 2, Barry Black, chaplain to the United States Senate, was the Graduate Commencement speaker. His Excellency the Most Honorable Sir Patrick L. Allen, governor-general of Jamaica, was the speaker for Undergraduate Commencement. Excerpts of the baccalaureate and commencement speeches by these noted speakers are featured on pages 27–33.

Two faculty members were honored for their commitment to Adventist education with a John Nevins Andrews Medallion. This award recognizes significant achievement in the advancement of knowledge and education by Seventh-day Adventist teachers, scholars and writers. David Arthur Steen, professor of biology, was honored for his contributions to the field of biology. He has been a member of the Andrews faculty since 1986. Gary Gene Land, professor of history, was honored for his contributions to the field of history. Land, who is retiring this year, has been a member of the Andrews faculty since 1970, a total of 40 years.



Receiving the Jone Nevins Andrews Medallion are: Gary Land, professor of history (above) David Steen, professor of biology (below)



## Additional faculty and staff appointments

*Approved at the spring 2010 Board meeting*

### Faculty Appointments

#### College of Arts & Sciences

Patrice Jones, assistant professor of communication; Timothy Newkirk, assistant professor of medical laboratory science; Melissa Ponce-Rodas, assistant professor of psychology.

#### Promotion-in-Rank and Continuous Appointments

#### College of Arts & Sciences

Sonia Badenas, assistant professor, Department of International Language Studies; Stefanie Elkins, associate professor, Department of Art & Design; Joon Hyuk Kang,

full professor, Department of Mathematics; Kenneth Logan, full professor, Department of Music; John Markovic, chair and full professor, Department of History & Political Science; Susan Murray, professor emeritus, Department of Behavioral Sciences; Pedro Navia, full professor, Department of International Language Studies.

#### College of Technology

Hyun Kwon, associate professor, Department of Engineering & Computer Science

**School of Architecture:** Ariel Solis, assistant professor

#### School of Business Administration

Alan Kirkpatrick, associate professor, Department of Accounting, Economics & Finance

#### Staff Appointments

Christon Arthur, dean, School of Graduate Studies & Scholarly Research; Jasmine Johnson, training & development coordinator, Office of Human Resources; Lynn Merklin, director, University Assessment; Teela Ruehle, PC support specialist, ITS

#### Change in Position Title

Jason Webster, marketing manager, IMC