



Renaissance Kids holds auction

To benefit "Tiny Houses for Big Change"

AN AUCTION OF ITEMS CONSTRUCTED DURING THE RENAISSANCE Kids "Compelling Dwellings" architecture camp at Andrews University took place August 4 to benefit "Tiny Houses for Big Change."

Playhouses, doghouses, birdhouses and artwork—all designed and built by kids—were up for auction. A few local artists donated works, and Whirlpool donated appliances. A stainless steel refrigerator, range, dishwasher and microwave as well as a red stand mixer and other small appliances were open to bidders.

Attendees enjoyed refreshments throughout the event and live music provided by Aiden Schnell, who has participated in previous Renaissance Kids architecture camps, his father Bill, and Dennis Waite, professor at Andrews University.

"Tiny Houses for Big Change," a ministry of the Benton Harbor Saint Augustine's Episcopal Church youth group, has raised over \$35,000 to build a tiny house for a person in need—it was hoped that the auction would bring in an additional \$10,000. Harbor Habitat for Humanity is committed to donate land. Other partnering organizations, the Interfaith Action Alliance, area churches and the Andrews University School of Architecture & Interior Design, have also provided support.

Students in the Andrews University architecture program have designed ten tiny house schemes, and the 2020 design/build class is ready to construct the house when funds are available.

"Renaissance Kids goals are to empower kids to believe they can make a positive impact in their communities and to work together to solve problems. We are grateful that so many people and organizations have come together with kids to fulfill an idea that originally came from them," says Mark Moreno, founder/director of Renaissance Kids and associate professor of architecture.

This summer marked the 13th annual Andrews University School of Architecture & Interior Design Renaissance Kids architecture camp. The "Compelling Dwellings" theme provided children and teens ages 5–16, in four different age groups, the opportunity to engage in fun, creative and educational hands-on projects associated with architecture.

Business Teachers Conference

11th biennial conference is held at Andrews

FROM JULY 9–11, 2019, APPROXIMATELY 50 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE 11th Biennial SDA Business Teachers Conference at Andrews. This conference, titled "Innovation in Business Education: The Antidote to Mediocrity," was hosted by the Andrews University School of Business Administration and sponsored by the Kettering Health Network, the Shawnee Mission Medical Center and AMITA Health.

The purpose of the conference was to encourage collaboration in business education in the Seventh-Day Adventist higher education system. It also served as an important way for professors to strengthen their shared sense of mission. Ralph Trecartin, associate provost and dean of the College of Professions, says, "All over the world we seek to help students launch into successful

careers, but career success alone will be failure for us. We seek to instill in our students' core being a strong sense of ethical decision-making and a focus on ministry and service to others."



Kofi Appiah Okyere from Syracuse University

The conference began with a plenary presentation from Theodore Brown Sr., chair of the Department of Business & Information Systems in the School of Business at Oakwood Uni-

versity. Following his presentation and lunch, participants were able to choose between a variety of breakout sessions covering topics such as student engagement, assessment of consumer use of food labels, culture and corruption, Enactus and real-client projects, and more. The day ended with a Kettering Health Network Banquet.

Stephanie Sheehan, dean of the School of Business at Southern Adventist University presented the July 10 plenary. After her presentation, attendees traveled to Subaru and Bechtel Innovation Center Purdue where they participated in business tours. These tours were sponsored by AMITA Health.

Kofi Appiah Okyere's gave the plenary presentation on July 11. Okyere is the director of graduate accounting programs at the Martin J. Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University. This was followed by breakout sessions covering topics ranging from interdisciplinary consulting projects to biblical foundations in business pedagogy to the impact of executive servant leadership on organizational citizenship and cynicism. The evening ended with a Shawnee Mission Banquet and the final plenary presentation from James E. Thompson, associate vice president for innovation at the University of Notre Dame.

"We came away from the conference with stronger friendships from around the world and with a sense of unity in our joint endeavors," says Trecartin.